

Community Events Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015

Present: Hilda Bruno, Marjorie Gorman, Everett Begor, Nicole Goudreau

Everett asked for the meeting title in the calendar to be titled with Community Events. It currently only shows: meeting & date. It does not designate which committee it is for.

EVENTS

Circus Update: The scheduled date for the circus is June 24, 2015. Everett will double check the date and let the committee know. Myrl went in front of the Select Board already and had the date approved.

4th of July: Parade will take place on Saturday July 4th. Everett will be there to help but needs to check with the Lions if they will be there. Hilda asked if invites should go out to the antique car people. Everett was not sure how it was done in the past – Joe would have that information.

A list needs to be created of who is going to be there – there may be one already from previous years. Need to check with Janice, she was involved with the organizing. Bob Huber is usually the Grand Marshall. Hilda suggested getting a band for the parade like in years past. Everett informed that the Lions have tried but they are too expensive. The High School does not march anymore. It was suggested that the Middle School Band be approached to march in the parade. Nicole remembers marching in the parade in middle school. The Lions had an umpa band from Wentworth. They were on a flat bed/band truck. Look into maybe a unicycle group or shriners. There was talk of animals in the 4th of July parade. Look into doing a float contest with prizes for the winners. Possibly monetary depending on the categories. Look into getting donations for the prizes.

Band suggestions for the 4th are: Penny Baker Band, Kids Jazz or Uncle Steve's Band for a float. A category for the float prizes could be for Band Float. Mark Dow from Hill that makes the diddly, also plays the fiddle in a band. If not play on the 4th possibly at one of the other events thought the year.

Lions Update: Everett asked the Lions for feedback about the Christmas Tree Lighting. The idea of being by the old Community Services building, they feel, is too far away from the action. It was brought up that if they are parked “in the action” of the event it will block the event from the surrounding businesses. Discussed parking on the sidewalk side. Near Pats Pizza was brought up but was declined due to blocking the businesses from the event. They want to come up with a solution so they can be a part of the action – included in the music. Everett was asking about parking just before the parking lot by Pat's Pizza at the end of the common area. There was a question if that would cause a traffic problem. Marjorie asked if we could get a map of the downtown area with the building and new parking area to make it easier to plan events & where things will go. Hilda asked if the Lions would be willing to go without a wagon and just use a grill as a way to promote everyone being together and walking around – make stands with info of what is held in that stand. Everett will bring up going without the truck.

Everett stated that anything the Lions did before they are planning on doing again – just ask. They are based for community service.

Other Events: Hilda has spoken to Rick about doing a town wide clean up day. He was going to speak with Michael. Other possibilities would be for a town wide yard sale – possibly in the park. There was question if it should be at the individual houses or centrally located in the park. Everett was unsure of

how many would travel to set up an a central location. Hilda mentioned having maps with the location of the individual yard sales would be a good solution. The question that was raised is if there would be a monetary value to the town? There was talk of holding it around Memorial Day. It was suggested to look up what Plymouth & Meredith do for their town wide yard sales.

Events on the Common: Making it in Bristol will be held again this year on Saturday August 1, 2015. Other ideas for the common are: Hilda contacted the art departments about having an art display. She is waiting on a call back. Need to keep thinking about different events to hold in this space.

Historical Society: Hilda is asking for names of local elderly Bristol residents to interview them for their memories and how things use to be.

CONCERTS

Claire updated via email that there are currently 3 slots that are trying to be filled: 7/30, 8/20, & 8/27. Club Soda is listed for 7/23 but has not officially committed. She has a couple leads that she is following up on. Currently scheduled: Studio Two on 7/2, Jordan TW Trio on 7/9, Uncle Steve's Band on 7/16, Club Soda on 7/23, Kid Jazz on 8/6, No concert on 8/13 due to Penny Sale.

OLD HOME DAY

To be held on August 29, 2015. Signage is important. Marjorie noted that she will be available to help this year. Everett is checking to see if the Lions will be there – he will let the committee know at the next meeting. If the Lions are doing it there will need to be a clear time for shut down as a way not to interfere with the Lobster/Chicken Dinner. The Lions will need to be there 1 hour prior to open to let everything heat up & be ready.

This year needs to have a bigger variety of options. Some suggestions were eats, games, dance, karate, boy scouts, 4H, girl scouts... There should be demonstrations throughout the whole day. Need to start looking and contacting now. It was brought up to ask Shirley Yorks & the Garden Club to come and do demonstrations or the Boy Scouts. Hilda likes the idea of having a sheep shearer. Hebron had a person with animal shearing and produced yarn. It was suggested to try the league of NH Craftsmen to look for a sheep shearer. Still looking to have a farrier and horse. It was suggested that we travel to the different fairs to see what they have and gather a list of names as a possibility to add in future years. Look locally for vendors in the community that may want to get involved.

Hilda would still like to get the old pump from the old fire house. Everett suggested contacting Anhuesser Bush to bring up their team – or at least get on the list. The sock hop should come back this year.

The baked beans, corn on the cob, cotton candy, and snow cones should be brought back. Need more foods from the area. See if businesses want to get involved. Marjorie offered to look into some foods. Would like to keep it local – community businesses. It was suggested to talk to the new sandwich shop in the Square. It was brought up that some businesses may need to charge – will need to look into how to set it up.

Games to do... definitely bring back the toilet game, FD hose down, Police Dog, & tug-o-war. Need to tweak to make better than last year. Need to think of more games for this year. More helpers/volunteers are needed. Should start contact people now to save the date for volunteers. Need to rotate some of the volunteers in the games area and possibly other areas. Look into groups that need community service time – Honor Society, Leo's Club – Peter Cofran is running it. There was concern brought up about

vendors that you have to pay to get prizes. Look into if that would have to be accepted or if there is a way to decline. The question of if they are licensed or not. It was suggested to talk with Christina on how the license permits work.

Need to have entertainment draws. Pie throw contest, pie eating / food eating contest. Cast Iron Frying Pan contest. Food table with signage. Everett brought up the question of if vendors need their own liability insurance or if they are covered under the event.

Hilda brought up starting the day with a kids parade. Animal parade, dress up parade, any theme for a parade. Maybe a dress up contest or give the kids an instrument. Hilda will try to get the pony rides again. Would like to bring back the tractor if Walker's is willing to.

There was talk about doing a dunking booth for kids that doesn't cost a lot. Everett brought up asking Rev. John Fisher about the dunking booth.

Set up the crafters so there are alley ways for people to get through to the action on the other side of the field. The events / demonstration areas need to be planned out better. Need to create a demonstration area near the games and food. Talk of spacing out the vendors further back in the field to open up the area. The pop up tents can be spaced out so they are not right on top of each other.

Look into getting Carol Brown for Old Home Day. There needs to be a better speaker setup to MC the event. There was a problem last year with not being heard. The band that is playing will need to be told they will be asked to take a break in order to make announcements. The band started with the Star Spangled Banner last year and it was a big hit. It was suggested that happen again.

The group photo last year proved to be difficult – maybe doing an aerial photo would be better showing the whole event.

There was talk about making sure all the info gets out about the event correctly and a head of time.

OTHER

Claire mentioned using constant contact for meeting announcements. The committee was on board. There was talk about getting a master list of businesses to notify them about the meetings.

It was asked if Scott Stephens from the Plymouth Chamber is going to come to the next business meeting to discuss the new changes with the Chamber.

Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2015 at 10am

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Goudreau