

Bristol Community Events Business Meeting
April 15, 2015

Present: Hilda Bruno, Scott Stephens, Marjorie Gorman, Les Dion, Nicole Goudreau, Chief Yannuzzi

Brochure Update:

- Les is going to contact Brad & Jim Toner at TwinDesigns about Diane the Turtle's birthday to include in the brochure.
- Making It In Bristol – leave as date in brochure.

4th of July:

Band Update & Ideas

- New Horizons Band – a 35 pc band. Will not fit on trailer that JP had. Last year they were downtown.
- Lyme Town Band – possibility for 4th. They are able to ride in a truck.
- Baker Valley Band – possibility for 4th. They have a trailer for playing on. Scott will contact them about the Bristol Parade.
- The Swing Rockets – possibility for 4th. Hilda will check with them.

Fireworks

- It is understood that as of now, the Town will not be holding fireworks for the 4th of July. The cost to schedule a display on the 4th would be too high. The company setting the fireworks off schedule larger displays as a priority over smaller shows. Last year, the fireworks got postponed due to the fireworks company taking a request from a larger town wanting a larger display.

Parade Rules

- Hilda asked if the rules were too strict. It was discussed that the rules need to be in place now that it is a town event (previously a Lions Club Event) and that the Select Board has the ability to adjust them. It was felt that would be unlikely as they will want to have all the bases covered.
 - The rules are in the Select Boards hands. Waiting on the approval to move forward with parade as a branch of the town.
- The question raised about what happens if someone falls. It was said that they would end up going after those involved which is why the rules need to have all bases covered.
 - Chief Yannuzzi spoke about the Bellows Falls, VT Alumni Parade in 2001 where the parade had no rules. Anything goes type of parade. A float ended up catching on fire and those who got hurt sued the town. The numerous lawsuits were due to the lack of rules.
- Walking & handing out is okay.
- Chief Yannuzzi asked who will be responsible for making the weather decision for the parade.
 - It was decided that 3 people should make the decision. Someone from Police, Fire, and a member of the committee.
 - The rain plan needs to get advertised early. Include the plan on the registration form.

Concert Update:

- Claire is still looking for 1 band – the 27th is open. The Country Mile Band fell through.

Old Home Day:

Fireworks

- The question was raised if the committee/town should put on a fireworks display for OHD since there does not look to be a display on the 4th of July.
- Chief Yannuzzi is on board with fireworks. He stated that it does make a long day for the committee members.
- Michael Capone is following up on the insurance to hold fireworks on OHD.
- Should fireworks be held – they would be set off at 9:30pm – there is also discussion about holding fireworks during an intermission in the movie. Chief Yannuzzi is on board with the idea. It was discussed to go online and check the time of sunset to determine what time it gets dark.
- There was discussion about the clean-up after fireworks. It is labor intensive to clean up the field.
- The fireworks can set up on the other side of the dugouts – depending on the Fire Marshals decision.
- Once Michael Capone gives the okay on fireworks Les will be able to contact the fireworks company.
- A rain date for fireworks was discussed. There were several options discussed including Frozen Family Fun Day, The Apple Festival, or postponing until next year.
 - With postponing until next year there is a risk of the restrictions to hold the fireworks changing and possibly not being able to hold them.

Movie

- Les has checked with baseball and they are willing to do a movie. It is up to the BCE committee to do a movie after the dinner.
- Last years movie – Movie was 90 minutes. Les commented that the movie helped with the clean-up of dinner. It moved all the people over into the field so clean-up could happen.
- The movie, if held, should be put on at 7:45pm or 8pm. Further discussion is needed.
- The idea of having an intermission was discussed. Fireworks would be held during the intermission. Les believes the intermission would help concessions.
 - Play a 90 minute movie
 - Show 45 minutes of the movie, have an intermission to hold fireworks, then play the remaining 45 minutes of the movie.
 - It was suggested to look into playing movie shorts rather than a full length movie. Les is going to look into it.
 - There was much discussion about the movie. Les will check with baseball and the movie company.

Concert After Dinner

- The question was raised if a concert should be held after the dinner. The option was left open.

Events & Otherr OHD information

- Will wrap up information at the next BCE meeting in May.
- May need afternoon entertainment
- Need the make sure and schedule events around each other
- Les will draft a schedule and send it out to the committee to discuss at the next meeting in May.
- New Horizons Band was asked if they would like to play. They are playing in the park on Thursday before OHD. The band is discussing and will be contacting Les.

Fall Events

Pumpkin Carving

- There was discussion about trying to make the event bigger this year. Need further discussion at a later meeting.

Stand Up Newfound

- Les talked briefly about the program.
- Needs a rep from the Fire Department. The group includes police, school, and more.
- There is lots of energy in the group to move forward.
- They will be holding a forum for the community.

Business Involvement/Growth

Chief Yannuzzi asked Scott Stephens from the Plymouth Regional Chamber how to get businesses involved. How do you move forward and leave the negative behind.

- Scott suggested holding the BCE Business meetings at a local business. During the meeting – allow the business 5 minutes to talk about what they do.
- It was discussed that Bristol needs to find an identity as a community.
 - Claremont was said to be a good example.
 - A large company or technology company could move in with a lot of employees and salaried employees. Scott stated that those employees will then eat on their lunch at local restaurants and shop at the local retail stores. It would drive the local businesses.
- Multiple options for holding the meeting were discussed including Shop n' Save, The Purple Pit, TwinDesigns, and more. Lucille has met with Frudenberg before. Hilda will check with her for a contact name.
- The image of the town was discussed including the different views, signage, and sidewalks. It was stated the sidewalks tie the town together. Comments regarding the Bristol sidewalks were about the asphalt and how it could portray a better look or more inviting look.
- The signage in the town was discussed. It is important to have clean, updated signage. It was stated that the Select Board oversees the signs. Hilda commented that the decorating committee could assist with improving the signage.
- There was discussion about cell service. Scott Stephens was talking about the new technology that is out for equipping an area with cell service with out a large tower. There small and the fit on the side of a building. They are used in Plymouth and a town in northern NH to supply cell service to a previously no service area. There are options out there and grants to be applied for in the area.

With no other items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:30am

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Goudreau