

Community Events Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2015

Committee Members in Attendance: Les Dion, Christina Goodwin, Hilda Bruno, Nicole Goudreau, Kris Bean

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Events Brochure

The Committee reviewed the brochure. It has been edited and submitted to the printers and should arrive next week. It will need to be distributed by the members of the Committee.

Halloween Event

The Halloween event is set for October 31st with the following items to be organized:

- Scarecrow contest:
 - \$75 in cash prizes - \$25 for best overall and \$10 to the winner of each of the 5 categories
 - Judges will be needed and it is preferred that they are from out of Town
 - Winners will be announced in the Square on October 10 to coincide with the TTCC's Apple Festival
 - Just over 20 participants have registered
 - Deadline for ordering a frame for the scarecrow entry was 9/28 but registrations are still allowed up until the day of the judging
- Parade:
 - Route – changed for 2015 – starting as normal at the Middle School but proceeding up through the Parking lot to North Main Street, down North Main Street to the Square, and around the Square ending at the green space
 - Decorations – Scarecrows will be used if the entrants leave them, milk jugs painted orange and lit up with pumpkin faces, and any other ideas the Committee can think of
 - Participants:
 - Bristol Police Department escorting the parade
 - Hilda will talk to NMMS Band to see if they would like to dress up for Halloween and play in the parade
 - Hilda will look into some type of float to lead the parade
 - Hilda will talk to Walker Farm and Mount Cardigan Orchard to see if they would like to participate
 - Kris Bean will talk to State Police and New Hampton Police to see if they would like to participate
 - The parade will not be opened up to all entries like the 4th of July but the Committee thought it would be nice to increase the parade this year

- Set-Up/Logistics – The Fire Department, the Lion’s Club, and the Zombie entries table will all be set up in the parking lot near TD Bank. North Main Street may need to be closed to traffic for a small period of time during the parade.
- Advertising – Christina will work on a poster for the event, which is advertised in a small section of the events brochure
- Other activities:
 - Masons haunted house - Christina will check to see what their hours are
 - TTCC will be doing the Haunted Hallway
 - Les will talk to the Teen Council about dressing as zombies and scarecrows
 - The Library will be doing candy and treats
 - “Enter the Zombie Zone” – the zone will be from the Masons to the Square, to the TTCC and all around the Square. A table will be set up for entries. There will be 5 zombies throughout this area that will have some type of glow necklace to designate them. Kids from Pre-school to Grade 8 will be allowed to participate and will be given a punch card. When the designated zombies are found, the card gets punched and when completely punched, it can be dropped off at the table in the Square to be entered into a drawing. To participate, kids must be dressed up for Halloween and will be directed to not approach random zombies. Christina will work on a punch card for “Enter the Zombie Zone”.

Downtown Decorating

The Downtown Decorating Committee was granted some money to start off and it needs to be determined if it was part of Patriotic purposes. It appears that some of the bills have hit the Town Events line. Les will confirm and correct if needed to close out the budget and finish billing for this year’s events.

Christmas Tree Lighting

- The tree for the Square is being donated from a farm in Plymouth
- Danbury will be donating a smaller tree to the Library
- Decorations are all set but they will make sure to have longer lighters for the candles this year
- The Historical Society will arrange for the carolers
- The fire pit will still be used with some type of waist high circle around it restricting people from being too close and assigning a dedicated person to watch the fire
- Popcorn, hot cider and roasted chestnuts will still be given out
- Lion’s club will be approached about not bringing the food wagon as the logistics are not good for its set up but they will be offered space for a grill or table. Les will email Everett Begor.
- Christina will call Mike Lemieux to inquire on Santa
- Les will check with Carroll Brown about participating with the carolers and doing the announcing to streamline the announcements
- Christina will check to see if we can borrow the Grinch costume
- Hilda will ask Twin State about the turtle participating
- Les will check for the Teen Council for participation in the reindeer and snowman costume
- Christina will talk to the Fire, Water/Sewer and Highway Departments about participating
- Kris will talk to Fish & Game about participating

- The idea is to have a spotlight and have each character arrive to different music associated with the character and either ride on a vehicle or in the vehicle:
 - Frosty would arrive with Highway
 - Reindeer would arrive with Fish & Game
 - Grinch would arrive with the Police
 - Turtle would arrive with Water/Sewer
 - Santa would arrive with Fire

Christmas ideas

It was suggested to have area businesses fill a Christmas stocking full of items for people to go around and submit entries for a drawing. This will be in place of decorating a tree, which was discussed in past years.

Hilda would like to have a door decorating contest for this year and this will be discussed at another upcoming meeting.

Other

The Committee would like to look into other events throughout next year, such as Halloween in July.

The next meeting will discuss the steps to hold a business after hours meeting or event and start setting up that schedule.

Les will check with the Chamber of Commerce about the bulletin board at the Chamber building being removed and cleaned up or repaired.

The hose house, formerly from the Millstream, will be renovated and placed at the Bike Path. The bulletin board on the other side of the bridge will be moved and placed near this location with one side of the board being a mural of the mill and the use of the hose house and the other for posting events.

Meetings

Regular Committee meetings are normally held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 10:00am and additional meetings are held as needed.

The next meeting for the Regular Committee is October 21, 2015 at 10:00 am at the TTCC.

Having no other business to conduct the Community Events Committee was adjourned at 11:30 am.