

Community Events Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2015

Committee Members in Attendance: Les Dion, Christina Goodwin, Hilda Bruno, Nicole Goudreau, Barbara Greenwood, Sharyn Orvis

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

Decorating Contest

Suggestions for judges were reviewed. Judging will take place through the weekend and the winners will be picked on December 21st with announcement and pictures done on Wednesday, December 23rd. Les will order the trophy to have here before the announcement. The Committee also agreed to eliminate the participation ribbons for this year. There are 7 Business entries and 5 Residential entries. Once the winners are picked, we will email Les to have the check cut for the residential property and then have Les order the name plate for the trophy. Christina will update the judging forms and get distributed.

Other towns have inquired about participating but the Committee agreed to keep limited to Bristol for the first year and maybe expand for next year.

Tree Lighting

It was estimated that the tree lighting had between 200 to 300 people with a lot of new faces attending. Overall the event was a success, with the nice weather helping. The following items/ideas for next year were noted:

- Consider glitter ornament idea for the schools for next year for the tree
- Hilda found a live donkey for next year if the Committee moves forward with the crèche idea
- Add floats and a parade with the fire trucks and delivery of Santa
- Should consider a better Grinch costume – this year was great sparring by the Grinch who did an awesome job and could definitely add to the event
- The snowman costume was awesome and should be considered again for next year
- Should consider a better Reindeer costume – although this year the reindeer did not make it to the event, the current costume is tired and should be upgraded
- Suggested to have a caroling flash mob next year – maybe involve different choir groups
- Have better directions and notes for the announcer to follow and get the crowd more involved
- Update Santa to any changes – such as the light switch for the tree lighting
- Have better communication prior to the event for all participants

Concerts

Studio Two has been booked. They were a great addition to the 2015 concert series and brought record numbers of attendees. Claire has also begun work on the remainder of the 2016 schedule.

On July 14th, the Center will be holding an appreciation night to coincide with the concert. They will have hamburgers, hotdogs etc. It will be a community wide thank you to volunteers and members of the community. It was recommended to have a Community Spirit Award.

The concerts will start on June 30th for 2016.

Other

The Committee discussed other ideas for the 2016 event list and the following were reviewed:

- Christmas in July
- Beach Night at a concert or a theme at each concert

A Pilates instructor contacted the Town about advertising on the Community Events Facebook page. The Committee agreed that we shouldn't advertise but that we should recommend the instructor contact Ray Courchaine to be spotlighted in the Business Review section.

Winterfest group is still thinking about an event. The Committee will wait until the event gets closer to see what part they will take if any.

Ice Rink Committee – The pavilion location was denied, but they are now looking at the basketball courts and working with the Town and the School to determine if this location is possible. They are in desperate need of more volunteers.

Meetings

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

The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2015 at 10:00 am at the TTCC.

Having no other business to conduct the Community Events Committee was adjourned at 11:00 am.