

Community Events Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2016

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

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

Secretary's Report

The minutes of November 10, November 18 and December 16 were reviewed. **Lucille Keegan motioned to accept all three sets of minutes as written, Kris Bean 2nd, so voted.**

Budget – 2015

The budget of 2015 was reviewed. It was noted that the final line item, Prize for Holiday Decorating, needed to be changed from \$75 to \$100 and the final remaining balance would be updated to \$662.19. **Chief Yannuzzi motioned to accept the final budget as amended for 2015, Christina Goodwin 2nd, so voted. Les Dion abstained.**

Decorating Contest

The Committee reviewed the decorating contest with the following noted:

- There were a total of 7 businesses and 5 residents who participated
- The check was mailed to the Garlyn Manganiello as the winner of the residential entries
- The trophy was delivered to Village House of Pizza as the winner of the business entries and is displayed there as well as on the Community Events Facebook page
- For next year, the Committee agreed that a small plaque should be created for the winner of the trophy so they still have something to display when the trophy is taken away
- To consider – if we allow other Town's to enter into the competition, then we should charge an entry fee which would be used for the winnings
- It was agreed that the judging for all competitions will be done as part of this Committee's role moving forward
- It was discussed to consider not allowing winners to be employees of the Town or members of Boards but a lot of Board positions are volunteer, so the Committee agreed to leave the events/competition rules as is

Winterfest

Winterfest will be hosted by Stand Up Newfound (SUN) and will be held on February 27, 2016. After holding a community forum, SUN determined different businesses, organizations and individuals that have an impact on the community or are a strong asset to the community, all of which will be invited to display information or other at the TTCC. A chilifest competition will also be held.

The Committee has been asked if they would like to participate and what role they would like to play as SUN is looking for guidance. All agreed to host an event within Winterfest but the role of running the overall event would remain with SUN. After reviewing some ideas, it was determined that we would

host a Family Scavenger Hunt. Each member has been directed to come up with one clue or idea for the event and bring back to the next meeting where it will be finalized. The Scavenger Hunt will require that all participants complete a list finding all answers to the clues and submit their entry back to the TTCC to be entered into a drawing. Prize ideas include pizza, breakfast at a restaurant in town, and another family prize.

Les will confirm the time for the event and will also approach other organizations to see if they would like to host an event within Winterfest.

Concerts

Studio 2 is booked to open. Claire is working on the list that the Committee previously provided, but no additional bookings have been made.

Other

It was questioned whether the Committee is going to continue doing the 4th of July parade and Les believed that we were. We should be considering themes and thinking about bands to try to get into the parade. Christina will check into the 39th Army Band. Hilda will check on a band in Danbury.

It was agreed that we should start thinking about an event or show idea for Old Home Day as it is necessary to start booking some of the entertainment now. It was also agreed that people look forward to the fireworks so we would like to continue with them as part of the intermission in the movie again for this year.

Town policy was questioned with regard to the ban on alcohol on Town property. Other Towns allow under special circumstances, such as the event being catered or served by a licensed facility. A wine and painting event was considered. The Committee will review this in April.

Nothing new to report on the skating rink, but it does not appear that it will be installed anywhere for this year. Nicole Goudreau will send an email to the Town Administrator to determine if there is any additional information. Suggestions have been discussed to hire someone to maintain the rink moving forward but no final decisions have been made.

The Kelley Park Committee has requested \$20,000 in the capital items line with the intent to fix the tripping hazard around the concession building and pavilion area, install tiered seating on the banking, and replace the fence around the park.

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 February 10, 2016 at 10:00 am at the TTCC.

Having no other business to conduct the Community Events Committee was adjourned at 11:25 am.