Fourth of July Committee Minutes 02-07-2024

Meeting opened by Chairman Doug Phelps at 7:01pm. Members present were Jennifer Bent, Doug Phelps, Wood Sutton, Jane Slayton, Donna Smith and Adam Rand.

First business was to review the minutes of the last meeting, 11-01-2023. A motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Donna to approve the meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

Parade:

Donna has been in contact with the National Guard. they are reviewing our request for humvee, color guard, and band.

Jen will write an article for the Beacon regarding floats. Jen will also send parade entry form home to school families. Doug suggested we also send parade entry forms to area businesses and devise a competition in future years.

The Andover Historical Society now owns the Concord Coach. We want to work with Ron Evans if possible. We also need to contact the owner of the horses.

Prize structure will remain the same.

Donna has been in contact with Leaping Lena's owner. He is still looking for parts and will communicate back to Donna. The transmission is the issue but finding parts for a 100 year old car its difficult. It was suggested Armand Boisvert might be able to help. Wood will contact Armand if it becomes a need.

Muchachos - no response yet.

Uncle Sam was Jason Flack and we hope he'll continue.

Pancake Breakfast:

The committee now owns the grills and they are in the Fenton barn. Adam will pick up remaining parts from Ron Evans and bring them to the Fenton barn.

Jen has agreed to be in charge of the breakfast and coordinate with a nonprofit group, probably the Andover softball team. The group will be encouraged to help and learn. The committee wants to see more young people involved.

Fundraising:

Benefit Concert will be June 30th. Keith Barrett has agreed to help. Possible location is the Green.

Donation cans will be placed on area store counters. Doug has cans in his barn. Doug will talk to Judy about writing a Beacon article regarding fundraising.

Market on the Green:

Doug and Adam will work on preparation of letters/emails with a mid-March goal.

Doug will contact food trucks from last summer and invite them back.

Doug will contact the Texas Troubadours to perform. Blue Grass music appears to be a good fit.

Keith Barrett is planning on providing sound coordination again.

Fireworks:

New contract has been signed. Doug is waiting on financing, \$25,000.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Doug and seconded by Donna to adjourn at 8:03pm. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Slayton, secretary