

## **Fourth of July Meeting Minutes**

9/6/17

Present: Mary Champney, Betty Adams, Jane Slayton, Donna French, Judy Perrault, Doug Phelps, Wood Sutton, Alita Phelps

A correction was made to last month's minutes: The committee discussed staffing of the parking lot. Judy made a motion to accept the minutes. Donna seconded. All in favor.

Items to address immediately are marching bands, large floats, and fireworks. Marching bands, Bektash Drum and Bugle and Kidder's museum will be contacted.

There is a need for more Port-o-potties for next year.

Forms for the parade will be amended to reflect parking constraints.

The Clydesdales have been contacted. They haven't responded yet.

The Treasurer's Report shows a \$3700.00 deficit. There are outstanding payments from some non-profits. In addition, there are ads that have not been paid for; notices will continue to be sent.

The committee discussed the percentage of total sales collected from non-profit vendors. There are vendors who are not willing to pay the full amount due. Doug will discuss next steps with The Selectboard.

Next year, vendors who are coordinating with non-profits will be required to have signage that highlights the non-profit that they are associated with.

The next Beacon article will include expenses incurred by the event.

Fundraising was discussed. Items are being collected for a silent auction. Logistics of the auction will be solidified at the next meeting. Ideas included: an ice cream booth, donations collected at local businesses, ads celebrating veterans, requesting donations on Facebook page, and a duck race. The committee agreed to do the duck race.

The committee agreed to request \$10,000.00 from the town on a recurring basis to contribute to event expenses. If the town doesn't agree to the \$10,000.00 the committee will request that they pay for the fireworks.

Signage needs to be improved for next year's event.

Movie Night will be held outside next year. There will be one movie for kids and one for adults.

The committee discussed potential games. Ideas included Plinko, ball toss, ball in a bucket, penny pitch, ball in a milk jug.

Keepsake books will be sold at local businesses for \$3.00 each.

A possible theme is "A Simple Life".

