

Minutes July 4th Committee 5/3/17

Meeting opened at about 7 pm by Bob Ward. Great attendance! Wood S., Irene J., Mary S., Judy P., Rose T., Beth F., Jane S., Betty A., Donna F., Doug P., Bob W. and Officer Dan Shaw.

Minutes from last month passed out and looked over. Approved with one change requested by Wood.

Parking:

Bob began going thru the program, beginning with the parking. Officer Dan came (as Chief Laramie couldn't make it at the last minute). He told us that they will have 6 officers on duty on the 4th. Doug explained the predicament of less parking this year and that we need an officer stationed at the entrance to the parking lot next to Carr Field. We need to know if one of the 6 can be there, or do we need to hire another.....we have allocated funds for that if necessary. Judy suggested some type of barrier be placed at the entrance to that lot the day/night before. Dan suggested we consider using the park and ride in Potter Place for the parade entrants and to shuttle people back and forth with a "gator"thinks fire dept has one. Said you could fit about 6 people on it and it could weave in and out of traffic.

Someone asked Dan if we could have barriers put up on Maine Street like we had once before to keep pedestrians crossing at crosswalks and not just anywhere. He will ask the chief about it. No need to block off the school parking lot for handicapped only during the evening as very few use it and especially since fireworks are in a different place. The Chief will be at our next meeting.

Bob reported that Proctor gave the ok to use this parking lot next to Carr Field....but NO to the use of the big hay field.

Treasurer Report:

Wood reported that our opening balance as of the first of the year was \$16,762. Now it is \$12,967 (Money was sent with contract to fireworks people. Also, the CAP group has not cashed the \$100 check sent to them.)

Wood said he is the only one who can sign checks. He suggested we choose another person who could sign in his absence. Doug was elected, since he is around most of the time (works from home). Motion made by Judy to have Wood and Doug be signers. Seconded by Donna and all voted in favor.

Bob and Steve Smith will be Masters of Ceremonies again this year.

Parade;

Donna reported that she made contact with the Shriners mini cars and there are 6 of them and they can't carpool,,,each comes in own vehicle, but they aren't large trucks. Still having not heard back from anyone at Chronicle, she emailed Fritz Weatherbee at someone's suggestion, he answered her and said he has no control over the show...he does what they tell him to do.

He suggested she go to the chronicle office in person, but said they probably can't do the 4th because they need news people and cameras and it is a holiday. Judy suggested Donna contact the frisbee dog lady as she had said she has a contact at Chronicle. So Donna will try that.

Wood suggested that we contact the politicians to make an appearance in the parade....said he would contact the democrats and let bob contact the republicans! Bob agreed...he will try Gov Sununu and Wood will try a democrat.

Rose and Betty are all set to do registration that day. Doug hasn't been able to reach Mike E but thinks he has found a gold cart for mike to use before the parade. It belongs to Reggie at the dump (or probably the town). He asked Reggie if we could use it....but Reggie said he had planned to decorate it and ride in the parade.....Doug asked if we could use it before and then reggies could have back for parade. Reggie said ok if selectmen agree. Doug will check.

Judy found a bunch of old parade signs and will get them to Donna or Doug.

Donna needs names of judges....Pam & Ron Cooper (animal judges). Bob will get names of the parade judges (from Ragged Mt F & G) and Donna has someone for the old cars.

Since we have not been able to find a school band or other marching band, Doug said that the Kearsarge Community Band has agreed to put a few of their group on a trailer in the parade....would cost another \$150. We all voted in favor. So we officially have two marching bands and two riding on trailer bands. Doug will sign the contract they gave him and send it back. We pay them on the 4th.

Opening Ceremonies:

Bob reported that the American Legion will do the flag raising. Then bob said he had confirmed with Margo Coolidge to have a young kid, Eric Niemeyer (sp?) sing the National Anthem! We all reacted NO! We have already asked Cope Makechnie to sing it.....Jane had suggested and we all agreed on this a few months ago. Bob will talk with Margo....and Judy suggested maybe Eric could sing another patriotic song. We all agreed on that.

Jane confirmed that the Hammond brothers are all set to do the pledge of allegiance, and bell ringing (I think it is them, but might be another school kid). The 2 winners of the Good Citizenship award will ride in the parade in convertible. Betty said in Florida she had been to a parade and the people in the parade tossed beads.....the spectators loved it and she thought it was cool and so purchased a bunch of beads thinking that maybe the kids riding in the convertible could toss them as they ride along. Everyone thought it was a great idea! Bob offered for the committee to reimburse her but she declined....it was her contribution.

Village Green:

Doug reported he has 21 Flea Marketers registered so far. Things are looking good. He lost one band, but may be able to fill the spot or have others play a little longer.

He reported for Alita about the Children's Twnt with crafts. She wants to get items from Michael's to make wands. She would need to spend \$121 and would charge kids \$2.50 each to make a wand. Also, she wants to get supplies for bead bracelets which would cost \$14 and she would charge \$1 each. She also has bean bag toss and other games and left over visor craft from last year. Judy said she has some "jewels" she will donate.

Donna's granddaughter, Ashley, and boyfriend have three games to set up....the wheel from fire dept, plastic darts, and the turkey raffle board. She asked about prizes and what she should spend. Wood made a motion to allots \$150 to Alita and \$150 to Ashley for their booths. Beth seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Kids Parade:

Beth reported that she verified with chief Chuck Ellis that we can use the fire station to set up etc. Also, she will let Donna know how many ribbons she will need for the kids. Will have more to report next month.

Publicity/Ads:

Judy asked about TDS....is their full page ad free?? Bob said no....they made a donation of about \$300 so we gave them the \$100 ad and out the rest into donations. Bob will contact them about this year. Also, is the big Proctor ad free? Yes....we do for them since they are so good to us. Judy had ads all ready to be divvied up. She cut up old program and copied putting them in groups of areas....ex: Franklin, Wilmot/Danbury, New London, Andover, Salisbury, Elkins, East Andover. We divided them up. She needs the info back by May 29th.

Also, Judy wants to be in control of the programs. She will give each ad collector enough programs so they can go back and deliver one to each. Then she wants to be in charge of where they get put and wants to save a lot for the actual day. She thinks we might need more. Wood made motion to add 100 copies to our regular order amount. Some discussion. Rose suggested we make it 200 extra copies. Beth seconded both and all voted in favor of ordering 200 more programs. Judy suggested we pass out the printed flyers Jane is going to make for us and save the actual programs for the day of the event.

Disco Dogs (Frisbee):

Judy reported that only a couple of dogs would be available and would cost \$250.....for maybe half an hour. Some discussion. If we could get more dogs and an hour show for \$250 would be ok....but we all agree \$250 for half hour is too much. Doug will take this on and get more info.

Fireworks:

Contract has been signed and sent with the deposit of \$4,000.

Booklets (memento):

Bob reported that Charlie D will design and layout booklets for us and get ready for printer. they will be same size as programs, same stapling, full color thru out, approx 36 pages, covers will be heavy stock and rest same paper as programs, minimal writing, just brief notes under pics, it was decided we want our history inside front cover. Do we want matte or glossy pictures? Depends on cost. Bob will tell Charlie to get us a price.

Mary suggested we have a mime for the event day but we all decided we have enough for this year and will think about for next year.

Movie Night:

We decided on Saturday night before the 4th for our double feature. Beth has movies and will email others to have a movie night to preview hopefully next week. Still working on someone to sell food. Service club can't do it. The new Andover Emergency Service Auxiliary is interested in this. Meghan Barton will bring it up at their next meeting and get back to Beth.

Final item:

Betty thinks we should have a float (the committee)....something simple to the end of the parade. Few ideas and someone suggested a table on a flatbed with chairs around it. We all thought it a good idea! We will continue next meeting.

Meeting adjourned about 9:10 pm

(Minutes respectfully submitted by B.Frost in Alita's absence.)