

4th July Committee Minutes 4/6/22

Meeting opened by Doug Phelps at 7 PM. Members present: Doug P, Christine F, Judy P, Donna S, Alita P, Jen B, Shawna O, Beth F, Kevin G, Wood S and Lions Club member, Jim Danforth.

The minutes from 3/2/22 were perused. A motion was made by Wood to accept the minutes and seconded by Shawna. All voted to accept.

Doug went over the To Do List:

Jane S sent a card via Jen for us all to sign, thanking Lynn George for her work in getting all our sponsors. All present signed and Doug will mail it to Lynn.

Jane also had reported to Doug that it appears to be impossible to contact/get a response from the steel drum band so we are done with that.

Shawna reported:

The Explorers will do the parking.

She will follow up on the bagpipes (she has a contact)

The psychic is a go! She'll be on the Green like a vendor.

Kids games are lining up

Story Walk - in conjunction w/Marylyn Ray (local author) to use her book and have her read it.

Also, the preschool is interested in doing something on the Green but they don't want to pay for balloons etc. (Later discussion about ice cream.....would they scoop? She'll ask)

Jen reported:

Re: Principal Dobe selecting bell ringer etc, he's non-committal. There will be no problem getting a group...maybe 10...to ring the bell. Dobe said NO to a float. Donna asked about the Citizenship Award persons being in the parade.....ask them to walk. Someone said last year they rode in a convertible; its no longer available. Beth will ask Denny Fenton if he would drive his convertible for them to ride in. Re: National Anthem, Bria Tremby might sing; if not, the chorus (4) might do it.

Jen & Christine passed out the canvassing packets. Letters were sent to all advertisers in advance of us calling on them.

Jen brought a sample button for committee members to wear.....all loved it! Also, Steve Foley will do the Beacon ad for us again.

(Jim D suggested giving ad folks packs of cards to pass out. Sec'y note: I missed exactly what this entailed.)

Wood:

He spoke with Naughty Nellie owner about selling ice cream on the Green. She's not sure. She has staffing issues. It's still a work in progress. Jen will ask her daughter, Katie, if she would scoop ice cream. Maybe the preschool would. Shawna will ask them.

Judy:

Judy did ask the Historical Society if they'd scoop ice cream and they said No. But they do plan to have a float.

Beth:

Spoke with Earle Davis, HLPa President. They don't want to do their ice cream social on the 4th. Will stick with their tradition of the night before at the fire station in E Andover.

Doug:

Hasn't spoken with Rick recently about Carr Field, but he will.

He did talk to the Lions Club about the Pancake Breakfast. Jim Danforth came to our meeting to talk about it. The grills are in good shape and pretty much everything is all set. They do not want to do a breakfast buffet but will do pancakes. Jim will be sure that there aren't too many "chiefs". They have about 4-5 workers. Jim will be in charge. Jen reminded us all that with no Jane Slayton at the school any more, we won't have easy access like when Jane was principal. Jen will talk with Principal Dobe to be sure there will be someone at the school with keys. The Lions will NOT be on the Green this year but will donate their equipment if anyone else wants to take this over. They have no workers. Jim also said that this year will probably be the last year for the Stagecoach to be in the parade. It's too costly to maintain. It will be stored somewhere for display.

Doug spoke with the Historical Society about participation on the Green.

Doug has not spoken with Bryson yet about not being welcome on the 4th but he will.

He did speak with Leon Nelson about the snowmobile club booth running out of food.

Doug spoke with Proctor. They are ready & willing to help us with anything....yes to the shuttle bus, golf cart etc (the usual things).

AGENDA

Parade Status:

Donna reported that mini cars are a sure thing.....got the contract back.

She has many verbal yeses (Smoky Bear, Kearsarge Band, antique cars) & expects contracts back soon. Still working on Mariah Haley about her oxen.

She will also talk with new owners of Connie McLeod's house who have the big horses to see if they'd take part.

Jen will give Donna info to contact Levi Southworth about antique cars.

Also, Donna said that Steve Smith would like another person at the Announcer Stand on the Green to help him. No one knows if Bob Ward will show up. Anyone with a suggestion?

Alita will talk with Belletetes to see if we can use their truck again this year....flatbed.

Town Green Activities:

Doug gave \$280 to Wood that he has collected so far for booth registrations on the Green. So far 11 have signed up.

Bands: So far Bluegrass band

New flag for flag raising? Jim D. will get us one.

Herbie Barton will take care of the trash cans

We aren't sure about recycle containers (discussion as to whether they even work)

Kids games: already discussed above

Doug will set up the slideshow again

Popcorn/hotdog sales on the Green: Kevin will do hotdogs but needs helpers. Maybe popcorn too? He said it's a great money maker. But he will need 2 people for each: hotdog cart & popcorn cart. We will talk more about this at the next meeting. Tabled for now due to logistics.

Program Booklets: Steve F will do them again.

Dedication: Jane is working on.

Fire Dept: Use of tents & tables/chairs for people to sit to get out of the hot sun. Shawna will talk to them. Also, she will ask if they will be selling popcorn/chicken/burgers/sno cones??

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Frost, Sec'y