

Berwick / Somersworth

2019 Parade Committee - Meeting Minutes

October 21st, 2019 6:00pm
Somersworth City Hall - Conference Room

In Attendance: Katelyn Carrington, Russ Timmons, Chris Smith,
City Councilor Nancie Cameron, Dawn Ouellette, Beth Poulin, Lindsey Gagnon

Guest: Kim Taylor

1. Call to order
 - a. At 6:03
2. Meeting Minutes Accepted
3. Christmas Parade
 - a. Grand Marshal ideas were discussed and will be voted on at the next meeting.
 - b. Russ spoke with Jason Jasper in regard to helping with the parade traffic and so far as he did last year. Again Jason said he would see what he could do but couldn't guarantee how many people he could get to help.
4. Holiday Block Party
 - a. Beth has not yet received a phone call back from the owner of the dentist office (the old bank next to the plaza) to confirm that we can use some of their parking lot for some of the block party activities. She will follow up with them again as they had been on vacation. Once this is confirmed Lindsey will work on a press release to get out regarding the event location, theme, and so forth.
 - b. Beth spoke with city manager Bob Belmore regarding the concern that the trees by the library. They have branches that hang too low and may be in the way of tents or a tree if we are able to get a real one to place there during the event. She is going to follow up with Scott Smith the city finance director regarding the tree as he can give the go ahead for public works to trim them.
 - c. Chris is looking for help on ideas for an ice sculpture. One idea that came up was a jukebox that could have color and/or lights as part of the display.
 - d. Russ also spoke to Kenny Vincent from Hilltop Fireworks to confirm we are still on for the fireworks show as we did last year. Kenny noted that the new location would be fine as long as he had the clearance/distance that is needed.
 - e. Entertainment:
 - i. Lindsey contacted a few flame dancers in the area with no success. One was busy and the others are not responding.
 - ii. Chris is going to follow up with Shane Chick from Green Foundry to see if they can do an iron pouring display as they did last year. We want new ideas he might have for the display as we don't want the ice and fire together as we did last year.
 - iii. Russ Timmons was able to get in touch with his friend who is an Elvis impersonator. Elvis would be available for a 30 to 45 min show later in the day as he is coming from another event. The cost would be about \$250 and the

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committee agreed that was reasonable. Once Liza is at a meeting we can decide on timing and so forth, but it was suggested they we have him on stage for 5:00.

- iv. Russ also reached out to Pat Bolanger who is a local bagpiper but has not heard back yet in regards to marching or as possible entertainment.

- v. Chris

5. Other

- a. Lindsey sent the sponsorship forms and letter to Beth so that we can start work on getting sponsors.

- b. Next Meeting Date: Novembre 4th 6:00pm at the Somersworth City Hall

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Gagnon