

Berwick / Somersworth 2018 Parade Committee - Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2018 6:00pm
Greater Somersworth Chamber of Commerce - Conference Room

In Attendance: Chris Smith, Beth Poulin, Dawn Ouellette, Councilor Marty Dumont, Lindsey Gagnon

1. Call to order
 - a. At 6:10
2. Parade Date: Saturday December 1, 2018 (always second Saturday in December)
3. 7/12/18 Minutes Approved
4. Event Theme
 - a. Looking at going towards a “Deck the Decades” theme and having the floats sign up for a different decade their float will represent. Can have 2 floats per decade.
 - b. Need to discuss how this theme will affect the entry forms process.
5. Parade
 - a. Sponsors
 - i. Lindsey needs to send Beth info and Dawn at Wentworth Douglas
6. Gala
 - a. Looking for space to store heaters as the Somersworth Festival Association would like to take them out of their pavilion. Beth will talk with Somersworth Storage to see if they could give us a free unit. Chris will ask Mike from public works about the old fire station and another building behind the current fire station as possible locations to store them.
 - b. The 125th committee is looking to possibly sponsor some of the entertainment in particular the fireworks portion on the event. They will be invited to next meeting to discuss.
 - c. It could also be nice to have the 125th featured in the ice sculpture as well.
 - d. Looking to move the stage from in front of Rouleau’s Garage to closer to the city tree lighting location.
 - e. Need to work on timing so that the tree lighting and other activities don’t overlap and so forth.
7. Social Media
8. Other
 - a. Next Meeting Date: September 10th 5:30pm at the Chamber of Commerce

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

“Parking Lot” of work for future meetings:

- Grand Marshall and End of Parade Issues
 - Tabled until Kim will be at the meeting.
- Info Session – End of October
 - The committee liked the idea of having a meeting of the floats who would like to participate. It was suggested that once the float applications come in we could send out a letter letting them all know of this info session. This could help with the end of parade issues. Again this can be discussed in more detail with Kim.