

FREETOWN PARADE & FIREWORKS MEETING
Monday, March 11, 2019 - 4:00pm
Freetown Town Hall

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In attendance: Bob Adams, Bob & Judy Gregory, Karen Facchiano, Ellen Lima, John & Linda Remedis

Guests: Mike McCue, Pat Jackson, Todd Adams, Ashley Emery

Minutes from the previous meeting read and approved. Discussion followed about attendance, and the need to contact Judy if not able to make a meeting - which could impact us not having a quorum.

It was agreed that a change of day, as well as time, would work better for overall attendance. Also was noted the committee understood with Jean's incredibly, busy work schedule, that it's difficult for her to attend most P&F meetings (no matter the time or day). Also, agreed she continues to be considered an active member and is appreciated for all she does for P&F.

The committee was alerted of the need to take their individual (on-line) Ethics Training per Jackie Brown. Once done, to forward the completion certificate to Jackie's office.

Judy passed out a list of the numerous "to-do" items, along with a time-line — with much discussion on when, how, who, etc.

Confirmation was given to Cool Licks Concessions as our only profit business allowed at the Fireworks Festival. They agree to take out a sponsorship for a minimum of \$400.

Judy will call Cathy Oliveira from the Tuesday Club (per Linda's instruction) to request a booth space for P&F at the Strawberry Festival on June 16, 2019.

Linda is already at work on invites for our 4th of July parade.

Judy is working on the updated flyers for both the t-shirt design contest and the coin drive at FES. Mike at Moonlight will print the flyers for us.

Judy contacted Dave Suffredini of American Thunder about this year's fireworks display. We are confirmed for Wednesday night, July 3rd for our show with a cap of \$9,999 on our contract (which will be mailed to us late April). Dave let us know that due to when the 4th falls this year, if we require a rain date, it'll be either Saturday, 13th or Sunday, 14th, of the following weekend.

Judy will have the letter for sponsors available at our April 8th meeting. Deadline for receiving names and funds from sponsors will be Friday, May 17th.

Discussion held on ideas for the 2019 Grand Marshal. Some suggestions were made and we should have a decision made at our next meeting.

Judy will be checking with Sgt. Rose of the Freetown Police, in hopes he will be our liaison again this year. She will also be confirming dates with Derek Macedo, the town's health agent in regards to our food vendors and their requirements at the fireworks festival. Plus, she will check with Ali Golz, from the BoS office, in regards to the Agreement between the town and Stop & Shop for using their bypass road for our parade line-up.

We will need to inventory our bunting and flags. If we need additional flags, then poles will need to be made and assembled. The two Bob(s) will take care of doing this.

Bob A spoke with Deb at End of the Road Tees. She will (again) generously charge us the same price for our t-shirts as in previous years.

Bob A will take care of purchasing the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies for winning entries in our parade.

Karen is checking with the Patriots about the possibility of having their mascot be in our parade (with the understanding this would be a non-paying engagement).

Judy will order Assonet stickers from Mike at Moonlight to have for sale at the Strawberry Festival. All agreed to have Assonet spelled out, rather than abbreviated.

Decided rather than have Ali take on the work of cleaning the bathrooms at the KRR complex - we will pay to have a porta-jon placed in the parking area for parade participants.

We will need a vehicle (convertible) for our 3rd grade Essay Winners. John will check on one. Will let Jean know, since she takes responsibility for the kids before/during/after the parade. Ashley may have a connection on the use of a convertible, so she'll check as well.

Bob A can drive Miss Freetown (Erica Correia) in his car for the parade, if his car is not needed for the T-Shirt design winner.

Discussed our required meeting for the Vendors. Will need to pick a date. Prior to that same meeting, we will request to meet with Chief of Police and Fire.

Judging of the parade needs to be worked on, since there's a number of issues with this. Ellen agreed to take care (again) of having bottled water available at the end of the parade.

Judy went over our t-shirt funding and history. We will need to pick a color either by our next meeting, or when we give our order to End of Road Tees the beginning of May.

A nomination was made, seconded, voted and approved to invite Pat Jackson and Ashley Emery to become members on the P&F Committee. They will replace the openings left by Terry and Carol Woldorf. Mike will compose a letter to the BoS for Judy to submit, requesting approval of Pat and Ashley to be appointed to the P&F Committee.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2019 at 4:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Gregory