

FREETOWN PARADE & FIREWORKS MEETING

Monday, June 10, 2019

Freetown Town Hall

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In Attendance: Bob Adams, Bob Gregory, Pat Wilbur, Linda Remedis, Judy Gregory, Ashley Emery, Karen Facchiano, Sharon Rosen

Absent: Jean Fox, Ellen Lima, John Remedis

Guest: Dave Suffredini (American Thunder Fireworks)

Minutes from previous meetings of 5/13/19 and 5/29/19 read and approved.

Met with Dave Suffredini regarding this year's fireworks show, which thankfully is all set to go. Dave expressed his concerns about the strong possibility of next year's fireworks (from China) having an additional 25% tariff added to our cost. If we remain at \$10,000 for our show, that would mean we'd get fewer fireworks, in order to make up the additional 25% cost. We discussed the possibility of increasing our budget for the fireworks next year, to offset the projected increases. Dave will keep us informed of any changes/updates with the fireworks industry for 2020.

Agreed for this year's show (weather permitting), they'll be fired off no earlier than 9:30pm, and no later than 9:45pm. Dave and Judy will agree on an exact time early that evening, which vendors and spectators will be made aware of through John's announcements. Also, let Dave know the fire department will provide a portable light stand for his team to use by his set-up in the cemetery.

Linda brought copies of the (working draft) of this year's parade line-up. Linda went over each entry and explained their individual details, concerns, logistics, etc. Linda will keep us updated as the line-up changes.

Judging for parade will be set up Thursday 7/4 at 7:45am. Our pop-up, a table and banner. Craig, Mike and Terry (Rosen's friends) will be judging this year.

Sharon will contact Terry Woldorf to see if he can do the line-up on the by-pass road this year. If not, she'll ask him for information on how we're to do it. Also, will need to check with Stop & Shop on moving the barriers on the by-pass road for the 4th.

Went over logistics for P&F's booth at the Strawberry Festival - looks good to go.

Next meeting: Monday, June 24, 2019 at 4:00pm.

Meeting adjourned: 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Gregory - Clerk