

FREETOWN PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

Monday, June 13, 2022 - 5:30pm
Community Room - Police Station

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Attended: Pat Wilbur, Karen Facchiano, Ashley Emery, Judy Gregory, Ellen Lima, Bob Gregory

Absent: Bob Adams, Jean Fox, Linda Remedis, John Remedis

Guests: Keven Desmarais (BoH), Eileen & Jessica Costa, Samantha Cardin, Bill Morin, Jeff Field, Bill Winters, Deb Taylor, Todd Pilling, Mike McCue, The Place family

Minutes of previous meeting of 5/26/22 reviewed.

Judy introduced P&F to the "vendors" and Keven. Much discussion going over Serv-Safe requirements and the preparing/serving food at the fireworks festival. Whole group went over the list of food/drinks that each organization will serve. Also agreed on pricing, so everyone is "on the same page". Some groups also planning to have games, and hold raffles.

Talked and agreed on the placement (and needed frontage) of the vendors in the "line-up" at Hathaway Park. Deb T of Berkley Cong. offered to put together where everyone's booth will be in a picture format that will be emailed to all.

Reminded the possibility of needing a rain date and how that will be handled. Talked about times for when the park will be staked, when can set-up, when must be set-up for lights to be strung, need for clean-up after and policing of area by booths, reminders of using parking passes, updates on time for the fireworks going off, that once the lights are turned off, there's no more selling of anything (including after the fireworks), and wishes for success of sales for all.

Emilee Place and her family joined us. Being the 2022 winner of P&F's t-shirt design contest, Emilee was presented with a certificate, \$100 and the first t-shirt of this year. She did herself proud and had many photos taken of her modeling the 2022 t-shirt. Judy asked Emilee to also pass out the red "staff" t-shirts to the P&F members who were present.

Judy shared the success of the Coin Drive she held at FES the week prior to Memorial Day. The winning class (Mrs. Reis' 2nd grade) were each presented with a medallion, were acknowledged at school as the winners, will have their class name announced and be congratulated before this year's fireworks for having raised the most money and for also "designing" the opening volley of this year's fireworks.

Discussed the schedule of who, what, when for the Strawberry Festival on 6/19. Judy asked if we could vote on purchasing 4 - 6' folding tables for P&F's usage. Motion was made, voted on, and passed. Bob and Judy will purchase the 4 tables, and will have them stored in P&F's storage unit with all the other P&F "belongings".

Talked about parking issues the night of the fireworks, concerns about crowd size, and hopes for a police presence (also) throughout the afternoon of 7/3.

Next meeting: Thursday, 6/23 at 5:30pm - Community Room

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

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Respectfully submitted,
Bob Gregory - clerk