

# FREETOWN PARADE & FIREWORKS MEETING

Monday, July 29, 2019 - 4:00pm

Freetown Town Hall

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

Absent: Jean Fox, John Remedis

Guest: Mike McCue

Minutes from previous meeting of 6/24/19 read and approved.

Recapped and discussed:

- finances (both expenses, as well as income) - we had an excellent year;
- 2019 t-shirts - only 4 (3xl) left out of the total 371 ordered;
- both set-up and clean-up took a lot of work and time for the fireworks festival;
- pleased to note very little garbage at Hathaway Park after fireworks and parade;
- added portable toilets at cemetery for fireworks crew, and at KRR field for parade;
- 190 prize tickets counted for distribution at turtle races - discussed prizes for '20;
- Judy mailed out 80 thank you letters (and tax receipts to those who donated money);
- will need to replace a large number of flags (40+) in 2020 (due to rips and tears);
- talked of Elm St bridge "missing" flags and letter sent to resident who removed them.

In preparation for 2020:

- due to Leap year, fireworks will be on Friday night, parade on Saturday morning;
- will be in contact with Dave at American Thunder re: possible 25% tariff on fireworks;
- need to continue working on how/where/when to judge parade participants;
- will look in to the feasibility, as well as pros/cons, of shuttle busses at fireworks;
- need to check on improving PA system (too many not able to hear announcements);
- more discussion about replacing damaged flags - maybe invest in flags "kits";
- talked about how to improve parade line-up, directing of participants, safety issues;
- check if National Honor Society members could help with the above concerns in '20;
- perhaps have signs made for one-way traffic, as well as directing people;
- talked about possibility of parade line-up on Ridge Hill Road - check on feasibility;
- brought up that some floats had water "guns" (need to stress in '20) NOT allowed;
- comment made that some residents were "shooting" water at parade participants.

Next meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019 at 4:00pm

Meeting adjourned: 5:55pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Gregory - clerk

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