

FREETOWN PARADE & FIREWORKS MEETING

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 - 1:00pm

Freetown Town Hall - Parking Lot

In Attendance: Pat Wilbur, John Remedis, Linda Remedis, Bob Gregory, Judy Gregory, Bob Adams, Ellen Lima, Sharon Rosen

In Attendance (by call-in): Ashley Emery, Karen Facchiano

Absent: Jean Fox

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Cheryl Edwards

Minutes from previous meeting of 3/9/20 approved.

Finance report given.

Discussion on whether to move ahead or cancel the 2020 parade and fireworks. A motion was made by Sharon, seconded by Ellen, and followed by a roll call vote. It was voted (unanimously) that "as a commitment to protecting the health and safety of all involved from the potential risks of Covid-19, to cancel our 3rd of July fireworks festival and our 4th of July parade in 2020".

Judy will email/call (4/29/20) to inform all town officials, all organizations/vendors at the fireworks festival, and all suppliers regarding our cancellation. Letters will also be mailed to all our sponsors to inform them, as well as thank them for their past support. Judy will contact Stop & Shop to let them know their by-pass road will not be needed for our parade line-up this year. Judy will also contact the Standard Times/Fall River Herald to request a write-up regarding the cancellation of both our events for 2020. Ashley will also post an announcement on the P&F FaceBook page.

Bob A. asked about the four sponsors (Joshua Mtn's Cabinetry, USA Core, Westgate Auto, Bullock Road Militia) who had already donated funds toward 2020. Judy will contact them to ask if they would prefer a refund or to roll over their donation to 2021.

Ellen had researched suppliers for our flags/poles replacements; and brought a flag kit to show. She ordered half a dozen and graciously donated them. Bob A and Bob G will check them out to see if this will be the style we wish to replace our existing flags (in need of repair) with, as well as our homemade pvc flag poles.

Discussed that we will put up some flags and bunting prior to the 4th of July on both sides of town (but not along the whole parade route).

Linda brought up that since Jackie Brown was scheduled to be our 2020 Grand Marshal, we ask her if she would honor us by holding this position for 2021. A vote was taken, and passed. Judy will contact Jackie.

Mike McCue had emailed a suggestion of "Ringing Bells for Independence" on the 4th of July. Ellen agreed to contact all churches in town and coordinate those who have bells to ring them at a set time on the 4th. Possibly town residents could do the same.

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Karen suggested the possibility of having the town police and fire departments "host" a parade around town on the 4th of July, similar to what they do for Christmas and Easter. Perhaps P&F could have Uncle Sam be in a vehicle as well. We promise to work hard and be back in full force for 2021. Judy offered to contact both departments to see if possible.

Linda will let past parade participants know of our cancellation for this year.

Next meeting: tbd

Meeting adjourned: 1:40pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Gregory - clerk