

FREETOWN PARADE & FIREWORKS MEETING

Tuesday, April 4, 2021 - 6:30pm

Held via Zoom

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Chief Estelle

In Attendance: Karen Facchiano, Ashley Emery, John Remedis, Linda Remedis, Ellen Lima, Pat Wilbur, Bob Adams, Bob Gregory, Judy Gregory Absent: Jean Fox
Zoom Meeting "Hosted by": Michael McCue

Minutes from previous meeting of 4/29/20 approved.

Greetings shared with all members.

Discussion on whether to cancel the 2021 parade and fireworks. All agreed that the hope was for this year to return "bigger and better", but there still remains too much uncertainty as to the risks associated with Covid-19 and the encompassing restrictions. A motion was made by Karen "to cancel the 3rd of July fireworks festival and the 4th of July parade in 2021"; which was seconded by Bob A. This was followed by a roll call vote - and it passed unanimously.

Judy will email/call to inform the various town officials, all organizations and vendors at the fireworks festival, and suppliers regarding our cancellation. Letters will also be mailed to past sponsors informing them of our decision, as well as thanking them for their past support.

Ashley will post an announcement on the P&F FaceBook page. The Standard Times and Herald will also be notified.

Discussed that the flags and bunting will be inventoried. Know from 2019 quite a number of both will need to be replaced. Bob G and Bob A agreed to take charge of this.

The committee is less one member, since Sharon Rosen stepped down due to other commitments. Current members were asked to check if they might have family or friends interested in joining P&F to fill the "open" position.

In anticipation of 2022, Judy wants the committee to meet and plan ahead this year, rather than wait until Jan/Feb next year. Will need to prepare putting out to bid (early next year) for our fireworks show, organizing the parade and all its related logistics, possibility of holding our own Freetown Man & Woman of the Year, and so on.

Agreed we would look in to reserving the Community Room at the new Police Station for our future meetings.

Next Meeting: (tentatively scheduled) Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:30pm (at the Police Station, if available)

Meeting adjourned: 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Gregory - clerk