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FREETOWN PARADE & FIREWORKS MEETING

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 - 6:30pm
Community Room - Police Station

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In Attendance: Pat Wilbur, Bob Gregory, Judy Gregory, Ashley Emery, Bob Adams, Ellen Lima, Karen Facchiano, Jean Fox Absent: Linda Remedis, John Remedis

Minutes from previous meeting of 4/4/21 approved.

Finances in good standing.

Due to cancelling P&F events this year, we will not request \$3000 from the Town at the annual meeting on 6/7/21. (The line will still be there next year for a new request.)

Judy reviewed those who received either a letter, email and call after the vote was taken 4/4/21 to cancel this year's events. Town officials, as well as all donors (financial/physical) were notified. Those who commented were understanding and agreed P&F made "the right call". Ashley offered to put a notice on P&F's Facebook page in response to comments recently expressed on social media regarding our cancellation.

P&F has an open position. Karen will pass along info on a potential "candidate". Judy will also ask the Town clerk's office to post the opening on the town website.

Discussed at length, current inventory of flags and bunting, since we want to put them up all over town this year. Bob A, Bob and Judy found a substantial number needing to be replaced due to wear and tear from wind and/or sun. (Bob A took the damaged flags to John, who offered the VFW to "retire" them in a proper ceremony.)

A minimum of 15 (6x3) Stars & Stripe bunting will be needed; as well as a minimum of 55 flags. In the past, all of our flags have been mounted on pvc pipe with zip ties, along with attachments in an attempt to keep the flags from wrapping up. Judy suggested we consider buying flags with pole kits and switch over all 80+ flags to the same style. Pricing was looked in to at various suppliers. Lowe's allows a military discount, and the possibility of an additional discount.

Ellen made a motion to get flags kits to replace all those we display, as well as enough bunting (to replace worn inventory). Ashley seconded. Passed unanimously. Judy and Bob will hand deliver a prepared letter to the store manager at Lowe's on 5/20/21.

Beaupre Electric will be contacted to ask for their help (as they did in 2018/2019) in using a truck to put up all our flags. Tentative date would be Flag Day (6/14) for installing, and taking down Friday after the 4th of July (7/9). Committee members will put up and remove all the bunting on the same dates.

The storage container the Highway Department has generously allowed P&F to use for a number of years, is in really rough shape. Discussed using one of the storage units by the old police station for all of P&F's flags/bunting/lighting/turtle booth/race track/etc. Permission will be asked from the Town for a "move" to be made.

Next meeting: tbd

Meeting adjourned: 7:55pm

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Respectfully submitted,
Bob Gregory - clerk