

Bristol Community Event Committee
November 10, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Present: Lucille Keegan, Christina Goodwin, Claire Moorhead, Steve Coffill, Les Dion

Secretary's Report: The minutes of 10/26/20 and 9/23/20 were reviewed. Christina Goodwin moved to accept the minutes. Lucille Keegan second and the motion passed.

Scarecrow Contest: Lucille reports we had 15 entries and it went very well.

Trunk or Treat: We had 16 registered and 2 no shows. We need to close the road earlier if we do it again next year. Some property owners did not inform their tenants about the road closure. Next year we may want to get a big sign out on North Main prior to the event letting people know. The witches did a great job. Claire thinks that we will get more trunk or treaters next year due to the success of this year. It was agreed that we would change the hours to 5-7 pm as there were only a few people around till 7:10 and then nobody. If we decide to have a parade next year we will have it go down Lake Street to North Main. Christina reports that she put the six signboards in the upstairs storage area at the town office. She still has lots of candy. Lucille suggested putting it in snack bags and giving it out at the tree lighting. Claire said that she has \$50 left from the candy donations and will get it to Christina.

Tree Lighting: Lucille & Hilda found a tree from Wally Orvis. It will need to be trucked. Les will contact Mike Lemieux about being Santa again. The Decorating Committee will do the decorating. They may just put lights on the tree since the bulbs blew off last year. We will not have caroling due to the health risk. Steve said his wife might be willing to do some music if needed. She has her own sound system. Christina will check to see if the Town system is working and let Steve know. Claire suggests having her on a temporary stage or truck. We will advertise that Santa will arrive at 6 pm on the truck and start the music at 5:30 pm as people arrive. Claire will have Doug build a mailbox for letters to Santa. Lucille will ask Al Blakeley about being the MC again. Les will check with Merle Lyon about the Lion's Club. Les suggested that we check with Rotary next year to see if the place they get trees could sell us a big tree that would be delivered with the Rotary trees.

Shop Local: Paula McKinley is looking at organizing a 'Shop Local' day. She wanted to see if the events committee might want to help. Claire suggests we see if Randall would like to work with her on this. We are just tapped out on time right now. It was suggested we get an email out to local businesses to let them know what activities are going on so that they can participate if they want.

Decorating Contest: Claire needs the info on this. It was decided that we would do a business and resident category. The business will get the trophy and we will give a \$100 prize to the Residential winner.

Grinch: Barb Greenwood suggested we incorporate the Grinch into our festivities this year. We can have him show up at the tree lighting and hand out candy as well as at Santa's Village. We can also post pictures of him in 6-8 locations around town and put it on FB to have people identify where he is. Les will see if Teen Council would like to do this.

Skating Rink: Christina spoke with Scott in Sunapee about their rink. They started with \$4,500 budget. The Fire Dept. does the initial build and fill. They bought a 6 ml plastic liner for \$1,500 and they replace it every three years. They also have a warming hut and leave a chemical toilet out. It takes about 100-150 manhours to maintain. We can put this on the January agenda for more discussion on how to do this in Bristol in 2022.

Fireworks: Christina asked the committee for guidance on the fireworks dates as we will also be offering activities. The Select Board approved a 3 year contract with the company but we need to give them the dates. It was decided that we would do the following:

Year	Date	Rain Date
2021	July 4 th	July 5 th
2022	July 4 th	July 5 th
2023	July 4 th	July 5 th

Other: The 3rd = 5th grade Girl Scouts would like to do a service project and it was decided we could have them stuff the candy bags for the Tree Lighting.

Voices Against Violence: Claire reports that Marcie Gowen has contacted us about an event that they used to do in Plymouth. She is interested in collaborating with us and doing a similar event in Kelley Park. It would be a 'Dancing Under the Stars' event. Claire will let her know that we are interested in learning more.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2021 via zoom at 9:30 am.