

Approved 6/28/17

Fireworks Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2017

Committee Members in Attendance: Nik Coates, Kris Bean, Victor Greenwood, Wendy Costigan, Christina Goodwin, Jamie Moulton

**Fireworks Schedule:**

Schedule is all set with no changes from the last meeting. Rain Date was confirmed as July 8. The event is contracted for Monday, July 3.

**RS Fireworks:**

RS Fireworks has merged with American Thunder with some of the same owners and employees. The company has sent a new contract for four years guaranteeing the same rate. The Committee thought it would be good to add a line to the contract that states if the Town is unhappy with this year's show they can cancel any additional years. Christina will send the contract to Nik to have Primex review and recommend language.

Kristen from American Thunder wanted to make sure that the Town knows that the current show is a Class B and Class C (cakes) show. It will have a layered look to it and the C's will not be able to be seen all over the Lake. The current show will be about 20 minutes long. They offered to split the show, making the show on the barge all Class B and holding another show later in the week with Class C. The Committee agreed that they understand the layered look and although they appreciate the offer to provide two shows with the same price, they feel one show is better. Christina will contact Kristen to advise.

Christina and Jamie will schedule a site inspection with the Fireworks Company.

**Advertising:**

Christina contacted Jeff Shackett to get Coca-Cola or Pepsi banners. He is getting two. There will be posters with the full event schedule for the week. There will be individual posters for the Fireworks. Brochures have the Fireworks in them and are distributed throughout Town and hopefully out through the schools. All posters will be placed on the website and social media pages. The Committee agreed that this was enough.

**Road/Parking/Set up:**

No change to the road closures discussed at the last meeting. The abutter's letter was updated to with Hobart road and other changes from the last meeting and should be going out in today's mail. Highway will put Road Closed signs on Hobart Road on the North Main Street end.

Christina hasn't contacted the Church yet but will do so this week for parking arrangements.

Wendy will help staff the centralized information tent. The Committee agreed to place it near Avery-Crouse sign. The golf carts will be stationed there. A radio will be placed there for communication purposes. Christina will bring her pop-up to use for the information tent.

#### **Fire Department Update:**

Jamie reported that he is working on getting the coverage with the Fire Department and other towns. He is still planning on Alexandria to station at Cummings Beach, 3 people on the boat and barge, the Bristol Engine, the second ambulance and then the duty crew.

Jamie reported that there are two barges ready to go and he received a donation of another pontoon barge. He needs to get plywood. Christina let him know to go to RP Williams and charge the plywood to the Town since these will be used for the Fireworks moving forward each year. Christina also asked if he could get her a number for the budget.

Bristol Fire Company would like to sell raffle tickets. Christina thought that would be fine as long as they get the Raffle Permit. Jamie said Jeff will be in to get.

#### **Police Department Update:**

Kris reported that he is working on getting some assistance from other Towns. He will update the Committee more at the next meeting.

#### **Highway Department Update:**

Victor reported that there are two who will be working. It is his plan to use the UTV for transporting during the night as it is just easier to get through the crowds. Garbage will be set up. He has 7 sand buckets for use for flags and signs. At the end of the night the Town truck will be loaded with all of the items for the parade and will be delivered to the Fire Department.

#### **Food/Other Vendors Update:**

Lions Club has confirmed as well as the Roadhouse Grill. Christina will contact Rob Wilson to see if he knows anything about this year's Eagle Scout Fundraiser. Christina also mentioned that Rick Alpers thought there should be food at Cummings Beach. There is another vendor that was considering fried dough for Avery-Crouse, but Christina recommended that they ask him to bring his hotdog cart to Cummings. This vendor would also like to bring music and do a 50/50 raffle. The Committee agreed that the music should be good over at Cummings. Christina reported that 50/50 raffles are not allowed except for non-profits. She will contact the vendor to update.

Les Dion is checking with the Baseball Commission for the novelty vendor and if they are not able to do then she will offer to the Teen Council. Kris reported that the Commission seems interested but logistics had to be determined.

Christina asked if the Committee would consider buying food tickets from the vendors to give out to staff and volunteers at the Fireworks so they don't have to pay to eat. Everyone agreed. Christina will reach out to the vendors for the possibility and pricing.

**Budget:**

The following items are included in the current budget: Fireworks \$9,500, Portable restrooms \$765, and grade stakes \$116.45 – Total \$10,381.45. Balance remaining is \$1,618.55 with the following to be determined – 3<sup>rd</sup> barge, food tickets and extra supplies.

**Other:**

Christina ordered five 5-foot bundles of grade stakes with RP Williams. She will confirm when they will be delivered.

Christina will make sure to have extra toilet paper and antibacterial soap for the bathrooms should the need arise for refilling things during the night.

Restrooms are all set and locations the same as last year.

Decorations – flags/other – Small flags have been purchased and are stored in the Assessing Office. They are split between the Fireworks and the parade.

Rain plan – The Committee agreed to have a similar plan as the parade. If inclement weather is going to affect, then the Committee and the Fireworks Company will make a decision that night. It will be posted on the Town's website, social media pages and calls can be made to the Fire Department. At the next meeting phone numbers will be distributed among Committee members. The sand buckets can be put out with postponed signs as well.

**Meetings**

**Meetings will be scheduled as needed and held at the Town Offices.**

**The next meeting was scheduled for June 28, 2017 at 9:00 am.**

Having no other business to conduct the Fireworks Committee adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted  
Fireworks Committee