

RED Committee Minutes
8/26/2020

Meeting called to order 6:02 by Jason

Present: Jason Koerber (Chair), Denis V. Murphy (Co-Chair), Lola Bobrowski (Secretary), Jeanne VanPatten, Michael Faulkner, Patricia Dixe

Excused: Gloria Leustek (Selectman's Representative), Devon Snikeris

Minutes - We approved the minutes from 8/12. **Motion made by Pattie. Second by Mike.**
Approved 5-0. Denis abstained.

Financial Report – Jason will have a Music in the Park spreadsheet breakdown for the committee to review and discuss at next meeting. Donation cans netted about \$300 this season. All of the bands are paid. Jason paid the last band in cash, so we'll need to vote to reimburse Jason next meeting. Devon & Cheshire Floral Farm reimbursement checks were distributed.

Farmers Market – We had 8 vendors last week. This last Saturday was unusually quiet with traffic. All is going well though. Looking ahead to the fall/winter: Normally we've been outside through the end of October. We'll know better by the end of September after kids are back to school and some time goes by whether or not it is safe to go indoors in town hall. New roads signs have arrived and Jason will get these setup on the a-frame and put back out on Main Street.

Music in the Park – Series is now over.

Halloween Haunted Bridge – Jason spoke with Margaret and currently she doesn't seem to think that there will be an issue with planning this event, but we will need to hash out detailed safety protocols. Kiwanis will do their costume contest and food, etc in partnership with ELMM if ELMM decides to move forward with their annual Halloween events/activities. Jason hasn't spoken to Jessica yet, but will work on connecting with her. If they do it, will we draw people away? Should we choose a different weekend or the Friday beforehand? We don't want to compete; we want to enhance. If we do it, we will need the help of other individuals and local groups – we can involve high school kids, moco arts, theater groups, etc. We'll table any detailed planning for now until we get some info from Jessica about the ELMM's potential plans/thoughts.

Pole Banners – Jason has hardware and has stuff and is going to fix them! Jason spoke to Karey about the application to the utility about additional poles. She hasn't heard anything, so she reached out again. We'll continue to wait. What about businesses that have flags but are no longer in business? We keep those up until they break and then we'll replace them with another.

Main Street Beautification Grant – We'll explore starting this conversation at next meeting.

Town Concerns – Nothing to report.

New Business – Christmas wreaths: Jason put it on Karey's radar. She also thinks we'll be able to still do Santa in the Park with social distancing. Lola presented the idea of including a "letter to santa" component this year in lieu of photos with Santa, so that kids can drop off their letters and Santa comes to pick them up. We can get creative.

Next meeting will be socially distanced in person at the park on Main St. unless it rains.

Motion to adjourn made by Denis, second by Mike. Approved 6-0
Meeting adjourned 6:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lola Bobrowski

Minutes Approved on 9/9/20

Signed Jason Koerber (Jason Koerber - Chair)