

RED Committee Minutes
7/22/2020

Meeting called to order 6:03 by Jason

Present: Jason Koerber (Chair), Denis V. Murphy (Co-Chair), Lola Bobrowski (Secretary), Jeanne VanPatten, Devon Snikeris, Gloria Leustek (Selectman's Representative), Michael Faulkner, Patricia Dixe

Minutes - We approved the minutes from 7/8. **Motion made by Gloria. Second by Devon. Approved 6-0. Pattie and Denis abstained.**

Financial Report – Received bank statement from Amy. We are looking at a balance of \$5804.74 as of the end of June. New to report: coffee can donations brought in \$83 at the first concert and \$52 at the second concert. On par with what we've made historically from the 50/50 raffle.

Farmers Market – Laurel Ridge Farm is back as a full-time vendor – veggies, eggs, chicken, & beef. Few more craft vendors interested in joining. New sign for the sandwich board has been designed and will be ordered by the Cheshire County Conservation District who supports the market's EBT program. When Jason is away on vacation, Nancy O'Connor will have the key to town hall and others have been delegated to help with setup of flags, market management, etc.

Music in the Park – First two concerts were well attended. Bands were happy. People were happy. We need to pay for the bands - \$600 payable to Jason for paying out of pocket for the first 2 groups, \$300 to this week's group Life on Venus, \$300 to next week's group Junction 135 Quartet, \$300 to Aug. 6th group Dragonfly. **Motion to approve expenditures made by Devon. Second by Gloria. Approved 8-0.** One date is still open, Aug. 13th – if tomorrow cancels due to rain Dragonfly will take this slot. Total expenditure so far is \$1500 for the 2020 series. Expenditures require two signatures so Jason will sign these tonight and then run them down to Gloria at the Select Board meeting to sign and submit. Jason will bring a PA system for announcements to be louder. Jason will be away on vacation for the July 30th concert – Steve Brackett will stand in his place to make announcements. We'll continue the donation cans to see if donations keep up and if they drop, we will reinstate the 50/50 raffle. We'll chat about 50/50 at the next meeting.

Bridge Dinner – Post went out on Facebook announcing the cancelation. Alternative event idea: Halloween Haunted Covered Bridge – falls on a Saturday this year. ELMM has done Halloween events in the past (i.e.. haunted castle, hayride. Etc) so maybe we can partner with them and/or get their input. Another idea is to use the Sheridan House lawn and property – sell hot cider, have pumpkin decorating, etc. Split the day in half with events during the day and then the haunted bridge in the evening. Lola will reach out to the Historical Society to share and discuss, Jason will reach out to the ELMM, and Denis will reach out to Kiwanis. This can be a fundraiser for the Sheridan House and/or others. Between now and next meeting, we'll all think about ideas (i.e. music, actors/scare-ers, prop builders, donations, logistics etc) and discuss at the next meeting.

Pole Banners – Reimbursement needed for \$346 to Devon for the pole banner purchase. **Motion to approve expenditure by Pattie. Second Denis. Approved 8-0.** Karey is going to submit the application to Eversource for them to come out and inspect additional poles in town. **Motion for Devon to release the Pole Banner Form to the public made by Denis. Second by Gloria. Approved 8-0.** No deadline

for now. We'll assess how much interest we get and how quickly interest comes in and then set a deadline.

Town Concerns – None

New Business – Crosswalk painting: Gloria stated that in past discussions Dale has said that it's not worth the town to spend the time and money to do the crosswalks with the stencil. If we want this done and maintained, we will need to lead the effort and organize the work parties, etc. ourselves. Next chance won't be until next spring/summer because it was already painted this year. Gloria suggested we keep a running "Tabled Items" list and include it with the agendas so that future items like this are not lost. She has a previous running list that she will share. Lola agreed to manage this list in conjunction with the agendas & minutes. **Sports Boosters Club:** Having a fundraiser Aug 15 & 16 with a town yard sale, softball tournament, and more – they are also interested in selling food at music in the park and possibly at the farmers' market as well.

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. Gloria & Devon left before the vote.
Meeting adjourned 6:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lola Bobrowski

Minutes Approved on 8/12/20

Signed  (Jason Koerber - Chair)