



Recreation Commission

Town Of Hinesburg

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Meeting Minutes August 14, 2012

Attendees: Katie Bailey, Kevin Cheney, Tom Giroux, Jen McCuin, Frank Twarog, Megan Dodge, Mark Lelli, Roni Estey, Doug Mead and Patty Mead

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

1. Fireworks / July 4th

- Roni, Doug and Patty are “passing the baton” of fundraising for July 4th fireworks after many, many years. “It’s time.”
- Frank proposes a July 4th Committee which would combine Rec. Commission duties, fireworks, activities, music and overall July 4th planning into one effort.
- Patty suggests reaching out to Kelly’s Field retirement community for volunteers. They have the time and interest, but aren’t asked.
- Frank agrees to write an article to reach out for additional members for the new July 4th Committee.
- Most recent fireworks display cost \$18,000. Celebrating Hinesburg’s 250th increased cost a bit. Have averaged about \$15,000 per year for the fireworks display.
- Typically, a deposit of half the cost of the show is due in March. At this point, there is approximately \$4000 from the golf tournament in June for the next show. This money is in with the Fire Dept.
- Megan points out that we’ll need a non-profit 501-c3 status to achieve a tax exemption in pursuing donations. She agrees to be the fundraising contact for the new committee, but emphasizes that she prefers to work with manageable goals within a timeline. She would prefer to begin soon and will wait anxiously for a 501c3 update.
- Jen will speak to Joe Colangelo about how to pursue this – Friends of Hinesburg July 4th? Agrees that it won’t be a speedy process.
- Various attendees lament that July 4th is “not how it used to be”. People don’t stay in town all day. There aren’t enough vendors and activities and it’s hardly worth it for the Fire Dept. to host the chicken BBQ. If attendance doesn’t increase, they will stop doing it.
- People propose doing the parade later and the BBQ to follow, having a rocking band that will draw people and have their finale be the fireworks.

2. Minutes: Approved June 27, 2012 minutes

3. Nutrition Committee at HCS Is Looking For Additional Members

- Megan's husband may be interested. Will follow up with Jen.

4. Soccer Registration Continues:

- Register by 8/24 and pay \$40. Afterward, cost is \$50.
- Looking for additional coaches.
- Coaches' meeting and clinic will be scheduled in late Aug. or right after Labor Day.

5. Great Concert In The Park Season!

- Thanks to Hart & Mead's sponsorship. Two-year commitment is complete. Will they sponsor again?
- THANK YOU Tom for your incredible support of these concerts. Hanging the sign, running the golf cart, counting attendees, finding entertainment, finding vendors.
- Last band to perform on 8/15 – Prydein. Thanks to Kevin Cheney's connection to Jen Crowell of First Night.

6. Fall Festival:

- Scheduled for Saturday, September 29th
- Contact Sally Reiss if you are interested in assisting – vendors, Farmer's Market, Art Show, activities, Harvest Dinner, etc.

Next Recreation Commission Meeting: September 11, 2012