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Meeting Date: 6/26/2017

Meeting Location: Memorial Park Classroom, 45 Taft Ave. Mendon, MA

Minutes Approved: 10/23/2017

Committee Members Present: Kevin Rudden, Dan Byer, AJ Byrne, Sharon Cutler Sorcha DeFrancesco, Jeanne Fichtner, Kathleen Sedgeley-Nicholson

Absent: Theresa Clifton, John Dudley, Dick Ferrucci, Wayne Wagner

Others: Larry Pearson, Sally & Mark Riendeau, Tom Fichtner

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Tom discussed the finances and reviewed the report from 6/5. Tom said some parade sponsorships are coming in. The committee discussed the sponsorships and different categories. The agree to have banners made for sponsored groups. Tom mentioned there are 4 new sponsors and he will send Dan the info.

AJ discussed the Block Party. The time will be 3-11pm. The committee reviewed the layout for downtown. The sub-committee will be coordinating the vendors. The bands will be on a flatbed trailer in front of town hall. There will be 3 bands. Uxbridge First Night will serve food. The committee asked about their capacity and suggests we look at additional food options. Sharon asked about the non-profits. Sally says she has not heard back from the girl scouts. They have confirmed girls' softball, several Nipmuc school groups, St. Gabriel's. They are working on the boy scout troop 44 to sell cotton candy. Troop 1 will help to park cars and have requested a \$500 donation in lieu of them charging to park. The committee discussed a possible fundraiser using the bottled water for the BVT teacher Phillip LeMarbre who recently passed away. The committee discussed a request from the Mass Saves Energy group and Anne Mazar to set up a table. They are willing to contribute; the committee suggests they consider donating the water. AJ explained there are 2 custom corn hole sets to be awarded as prizes for the tournament and another 2 for the Farm to Table event. Sally asked about signage. AJ says he can order them online through the same place he uses for Nipmuc Youth Basketball. They discussed possible double-sided signs for the Block Party and Parade.

The committee reviewed the Historic Muster event. Kathleen said the raid turned away some people so there wasn't a huge crowd. Jeanne said she thought the event was very realistic. All agree it was a good event but unfortunately the weather caused poor attendance.

The committee discussed the parade. Dan gave a brief update. Sally asked about a possible 350th float.

The committee discussed the Cardboard Boat Race. They will sell merchandise at the event. The Brothers are planning a boat.

The committee discussed the Farm to Table event. Larry reviewed the proposed budget. He has been able to lower some expenses with donations. There will be 350 tickets available. They are also planning a hay maze and raffles. They are looking to get 2 bands. The committee discussed ticket pricing as Jeanne needs to order the tickets. They discussed a senior discount and kids price options. Kathleen suggested \$10 for kids. Sorcha says that larger families may not be able to attend if the tickets are too high. The committee also discussed the possibility of a separate kid's meal. Larry explained the event will run 3pm-9pm with the main meal in the afternoon. They will also have a second meal of burgers available later on. The committee agreed to let kids under 6 eat free and offer a possible kids meal option. They also agreed to set the tickets at \$20 and \$15 for seniors. Dan says we need to apply for the liquor license. Kevin says he will send in the paperwork to the selectmen. Dan will set up online ticket sales. Sally asked about selling in person as well. Members of the Farm to Table committee will sell them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm