

Recreation Committee
MINUTES
December 7, 2022

Approved
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Present: Heidi Richards, Ginifir Giddinge, Kathy Hogue
Excused: Courtney Hardwick Absent: Coren Wheeler

1. October 26, 2022, minutes were approved as written.
2. Municipal Sign

- a. Statement from Pownal Administrator, Becky Taylor-Chase

“I wanted to weigh in with my thoughts on what a changeable sign might look like at Mallett Hall. First, as one of the future facilitators of the sign, I’m not in favor of one with the slide in, changeable letters for many reasons. These are very time consuming as the signs tend to get a lot of road debris in the channels making it very difficult to change out the letters. The letters often get blown off in wind so there is constant need to replace them. There is a safety aspect as we would be out on a ladder during all seasons trying to change the letters to constantly update the sign. I had experience with one of these in my time at Durham and I can tell you it was only used to announce elections because of the cumbersome labor of changing letters, not having the ones needed and the constant dirt in the letter channels.

Now having said all that, my vision would be for a non-back lit sign that could be changed by logging in to a computer program, simply typing the script and sending it to the sign. A non-back lit would only be visible during daylight hours so there would be no light pollution or blinking script to distract drivers. During the paving of the Mallett Hall parking lot, a CATS cable along with electrical cable was run so the sign would be internet and power ready. The ability to change the script by simply logging in to a program would give the ability to announce more town related news, change the script often, be safe for those facilitating the script and reduce the amount of time spent updating the sign. Thank you for listening to my thoughts and considering them for our future sign.”

- b. The committee discussed and agreed with Becky’s assessment of the town sign. Kathy will set up an appointment with Bruce Bailey of Bailey Sign to see what they have to offer.

3. Mallett Hall Use Form was reviewed. The proposed fee schedule was agreed on as follows:

Town Appointed Boards & Committees	No fee
Resident For-Profit Groups	\$60
Resident Private Non-Profit Group	\$25
Community Non-Profit Events	\$25
Non-Resident	\$75

The form will be forwarded to the Select Board for approval at their next meeting.

4. Calendar of Events for 2023:
 - a. The committee agreed that with the extensive planning of the Pumpkin Festival scheduled for October 14, 2023, planning just a couple other events felt doable for this year. February will be “Movie Night”, on a Sunday afternoon, 2:30 or 3:00 (date to be determined) FREE for residents to include popcorn and drinks. Movies and movie rights was discussed. All thought the movie “The Sandlot” would be a great family choice. Heidi will find a copy and research the question of movie rights and how we would address those. We also will need to find a projector and screen.
 - b. Community Night is scheduled for May 20, 10am-2pm. Should we try to encourage Pownal businesses/home occupations to participate? We will also ask the Pownal Scenic and Historical Society if they want to host a plant sale at the event.

5. Other: Heidi wondered if we should spend some of our funds to have the piano in the Stage room tuned? We will look in to this.

Meeting adjourned, 7:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Hogue

<p><i>Members: Ginifir Giddinge, Courtney Hardwick, Kathy Hogue, Ansley Newton, Heidi Richards, Coren Wheeler</i></p>
