

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 23, 2020 - MINUTES

Approved
Feb 26, 2020

PRESENT: Karen Puckett, Ruth Hannan, Bill Schmidt, Sarah Jamo, Dwight Ely, Chris Hays,
Heidi Richards, Kathy Hogue

1. Minutes of September 24, 2019, were approved as written.
2. Pumpkin Festival 2020
 - a. TENT: Chris Bell will donate large tent to be set up for the event. He will need it to be in a place that can stay up until is completely dry. This is the end of his season and tents will be put away for the winter. We will use the tent for the Community Market and will most likely place it on the left side of Mallett Hall.
 - b. PUMPKIN SEEDLINGS: Garden Spot Farms will donate 54 giant pumpkin seedlings that we can give out to the community for our Great Pumpkin Contest. It might be fun to have a potluck event to give out the seedlings and to generate excitement in general for the October event.
 - c. ROAD CONSTRUCTION/DOT: Heidi confirmed with DOT that the reconstructing of the intersection by Short Stop may not even happen in 2020 so that we don't need to worry about that potential conflict.
 - d. Edna and Lucy's? Heidi emailed Steph and Sabrina about the idea of them having a pop up of their former Pownal restaurant using the church's kitchen and eating space. They aren't sure it's something they want to do, but will didn't say no.
 - e. Heidi has asked Jeremy Solman, a graphic designer who lives in Pownal, if he would take John Bowdren's logo and create our poster – he said yes.
 - f. PARKING: It would be good to use the school for auxiliary parking and perhaps a school bus for a shuttle? Kathy will check with school to see if this is a possibility. If we can't use a bus, maybe rent a van from Enterprise?
 - g. PARADE: Based on the fact that this is Maine's 200th birthday, it was felt that the parade should be based on that, using a historical theme. Dwight Lee (owner of Bradbury Berry Farm) offered to let the parade line up at his property which should work great!
 - h. SAFETY: Heidi will check with Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to see what we will need for crowd and traffic control for the day.

CONTESTS:

1. Pownal Pumpkin Pantry: Pumpkin Baked Goods to be judged, money prizes. The baked good would then be donated to the pantry to be sold for consumption. The Pantry will serve coffee and probably cider.
2. GREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST: Judging biggest pumpkin and smallest pumpkin.
3. Carved and decorated pumpkins: For display – challenge, how many can we get? Nicholas Cote will make some 3 tiered racks for display.
4. PHOTOGRAPHY: Celebrating Maine.

5. Prizes and judges for the contests will need to be determined.

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OTHER:

1. Arts and Crafts, Community Market, Music, Food, Historical Society, kids games are all in the works. (ECOMaine will have an interactive booth in the community market)
Kathy will check with FCS to see if they will have a presence.
2. Pumpkin Trebuchet: Jen Hayes has offered to do this with students.
3. A suggestion of recycling and food scraps (and flung pumpkins) for local pig farmers? A food drive to acknowledge food insecurity?

NEXT SELECTMEN'S NEWSLETTER – early March.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hogue