

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
MINUTES

Approved
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Present: Heidi Richards, Liza Nichols, Coren Wheeler, Kathy Hogue (notetaker)

1. Approved minutes of January 23, 2020
2. Pumpkin Festival 2020
 - a. Updates:
 - i. Discussion regarding IMPACT Group merging with Recreation Committee and becoming a Recreation Department. This would provide insurance for activities under the town's MMA policy. There has been initial discussion at Selectmen's meeting; however, Freeport Community Ed is also looking at including IMPACT under their umbrella. More updates to come.
 - b. Pumpkin Festival
 - i. Kathy called school to use school parking lot and a bus shuttle for event. If we can have school bus drivers be our shuttle drivers, we most likely can use the parking lot and a bus. The school will email Kathy their use form and we will find some willing bus drivers before making our proposal.
 - ii. Although the Historical Society does not have a member to take on this project, it was felt that having re-enactments of long ago residents involved with the Hearse House and buried in the cemetery next door, would be a great thing. There is a lot of info in the Pownal history books, we would need to create a script and find some actors. Liza also suggested that we have guided tour with info at certain graves, maybe an opportunity for grave rubbings? Kathy will talk with Katie Murhpy to see if she would be willing to help.
 - iii. Communication: We will continue to use Selectmen's Newsletter and town web site. It would be good if we put in regular articles in The Notes, as well. Many people read the Notes for information.
 - iv. Stephanie and Sabrina were not interested in creating a 'pop up' of Edna and Lucy's at the event.

- c. Calendar of Events: Heidi proposed that the Recreation Committee create a calendar of events for the year as follows:
 - January / 12th Night Celebration
 - February / Valentines Celebration / Honor someone in town
 - April / Historical Society Event / annual meeting
 - April / Pownal pride Day / Earth Day
 - June / Town Meeting – can we do something at town meeting, i.e. potluck before the meeting?
 - July & August / Organize monthly hikes in Pownal / collaborate with Conservation Commission
 - October / Pownal Pumpkin Festival
 - November & December / Craft Night – bring a project you are working on and get together at town hall
 - d. Message Board: As we look at Mallett Hall as a community center for the future, and as the Recreation Committee helps to spearhead community events throughout the year, it would be great to have a message board at town hall similar to the one at school. The Recreation Committee will look into the town ordinances, get some quotes (?), and make a proposal for Impact Fee monies.
3. Spring Social – Saturday, May 16, 2020, 9am – noon. This is an opportunity to give out pumpkin seedlings provided by Garden Spot to be part of our “Largest Pumpkin” contest and to kick off the festival by drumming up interest. We would have sign up sheets there for people to let us know how they want to participate. Kathy will get info to Selectmen for their newsletter.
- a. Plant Swap – people can bring house plants, seedlings, etc. to swap
 - b. Hand out pumpkin seedlings
 - c. Lemonade Stand - .50 glass, proceeds to Pumpkin Festival expenses
 - d. May Pole – will ask Marie Wendt who has a maypole, the music and the know-how
 - e. Conservation Commission – info on invasive species, maps to trails, etc.
 - f. Wild Seed Project and/or other plant/seed based organizations/projects
 - g. Sign-up sheets for all aspects of the festival

Meeting adjourned, 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hogue