

November 14, 2019

Minutes from the Thorndike Recreation Committee Meeting

Members Present: Jeff Trafton, Wendy Trafton, Patty Pendergast, Zoey Bond, Jon Waddick, Janet Abramson, Liz Choey and Mike Mayer

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Discussion was held and it was decided to hold a holiday event at the Town Office. Two dates were discussed, Dec. 7th or 14th. Selectman Mayer will check the availability of the town office on those dates and report back to the committee.
2. Details of the holiday event were proposed:
 - a. Santa arriving at the event on a Thorndike Fire Truck
 - b. Jeff will talk to Willie Johnson about being Santa
 - c. Free potluck supper to be served at the event
 - d. Decorations inside and out of the town office were discussed
 - e. Jon Waddick will inquire if the Mt. View Chorus might be willing to perform at the event
 - f. Janet volunteered to donate a tree for the tree lighting outside town office
 - g. It was discussed about using artificial trees inside the building.
 - h. Jeff will attend the selectmen's meeting on Nov. 20th to ask permission to hold the event
 - i. Jon and Zoey will prepare a flyer for the event
 - j. A decoration committee was formed with members Jeff, Charles, Zoey and Mike.
 - k. Patty volunteered to head up the meal committee with members to be named.
3. Clean up for the old firehouse was discussed. The group will come up with a date to straighten up and organize the old fire house.
4. Reimbursement for members for the Halloween event was discussed. Mike Mayer collected receipts and will make arrangements for the payments.
5. Lessons learned at the Halloween Event:
 - a. More lighting needed in the food area, haunted house and new firehouse areas
 - b. Keep the train involved in the event. Brought in many trick or treaters.
 - c. Two grills for food concessions
 - d. Need a banner at the Unity Train Station
 - e. Appoint one judge for the trunk or treat competition
 - f. High school kids were awesome. Continue to have them involved!
6. Next meeting at the Town office on November 20th at 5:30 pm.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.