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Independence Day Committee meeting minutes
February 25th, 2013
7:00PM
Town Office conference room

Attendees

Dina Cutting, Marci O'Keefe, Jim Mayers, JJ Pippin-Finley and Robert Couture.

Fireworks- The issues facing the 4th of July celebration this year is parking. After a lengthy discussion concerning, parking options, various ideas of busing people in and or shuttling from 1 location big enough to park potentially 150 cars. The Allan's have offered the upper part of their section of field to park cars in, the owner of the lower left side of the field has in the past allowed parking (if dry) and the Conservation Commission has voted to allow for this year only a designated section of the Chaffee for overflow parking, if necessary. Because it seems very unlikely this committee will be able to secure enough parking in the future for this event it was the sense of the Independence Day Committee to make this 20th year the last one. This being the last year Robert moved to increase the amount of fireworks up to \$6,800.00, dependent on what the Fireworks Company feels they can do in the space safely. Seconded by Jim voted unanimously in favor.

Chicken B-Bque: Attendance for all the pre-fireworks events has fallen very low in the past 2 to 3 years. The numbers coming in the gate do not jump up until the half hour prior to the fireworks. Many people having private parties and coming only for the fireworks. After a lengthy discussion including the statistic of the attendance it was decided to hold one last pre-fireworks food and fun of chicken, hot dogs, ice cream, soda, glow sticks and music but scaled down. We will cook 125 chicken halves not the traditional 325. The committee felt it would be nice to have dinner for the folks that have come year after year one last time.

Rain Date-Sunday July 7th, 2013

Parking: Chief O'Keefe has been involved in the discussion concerning parking at Chaffee and he has gone and looked at the Allan's parking offer. He feels this will work with some discussions and planning. We will need more than usual in the way of parking attendants because of the logistics of parking people in 3 different parking lots and having 2 or the 3 a crossed route 10 from the event. The Committee will be meeting with Chief O'Keefe about these concerns.

Parade: Because this will be the last year the committee hopes the parade can be beefed up. JJ will discuss this with the Frawley's to see if they are willing to take this on.

Town Meeting: The Selectmen would like members available to address questions and give a brief review of the plans for the final year. Jim and Marci will be at little town meeting and Town Meeting to do this.

At 8:15PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Dina Cutting