

**TOWN OF STOW
SPRINFEST COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the February 17, 2011 SpringFest Committee Meeting.

Present: Members: Karen Kelleher, Murray Levine and Laura Folsom

Also Present Marge Alessio

The Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Karen Kelleher reported that Laura Greenough, Stow Recreation Director called to say is unable to attend tonight's meeting and reported the following:

- Assabet Valley Little League is NOT scheduled to use the fields on Saturday 5/21/11 or Sunday 5/22/11
- There is electricity in the pavilion and the Barn
- The Barn can be opened up (members noted that would be a good location for the SpringFest table.
- They have trash barrels but we will need to arrange for the highway department to take the trash out.
- We will need port-a-potties (Stow Recreation rented for the gobbler run and she got a good deal on the regular ones as well as a handicap one. She will provide the contact info.
- She will do sand art and anything else the committee wants.
- We should post no parking signs on Old Bolton Road.
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Karen Kelleher reported that someone from St. Isidore called to let us know they can only accommodate parking for the Pancake Breakfast and the lot must be cleared after that because they have a wedding scheduled. Karen told her that was not a problem because SpringFest will be at another location.

Karen Kelleher reported that she received an email from Laura Broderick, who lives in Stow and runs a small landscape design and build business and would like to have a table to promote her business and offer information about planting design. She is thinking of having a small cedar raised bed and a lot of plants as part of her display.

Karen Kelleher and Marge Alessio reported that they attended First Night in Worcester and got some ideas for SpringFest.

- Sidewalk Art – Each person was given a wooden square and chalk to draw their own design. The squares were placed in a row so it looks like a sidewalk. Members agreed it sounded like a good idea. We need to determine what materials we need.
- A Worcester music teacher was also there, leading sing-a-longs. It was very popular with adults as well as children. Penny got his contact info.

Marge Agreed to contact Animal Adventures to invite them back for two ½ hour sessions 1:00 and 1:30.

Members continued the discussion from the last meeting as to whether or not to hold the parade. All agreed that due to the limited number of volunteers and the change in venue it would not be feasible.

Laura Folsom moved that we NOT hold the parade this year. The motion was seconded by Karen Kelleher and carried by a vote of three members present (Karen Kelleher, Murray Levine and Laura Folsom)

Ellen reported that there will be no spelling bee this year.

Karen Kelleher reported that someone contacted the New Black Eagle Black Eagle Jazz Band and they forwarded an agreement letter. Members agreed that, because there will be no parade the time should be changed to 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 to 1:00....instead of 10-12 – no parade.

Food

- It was agreed to ask Tennessee Barbeque back
- Invite Red Ginger to participate
- Barbeque – Ask Nancy for contact info.
- Karen reported that the Lions are available and she will contact Frick & Frack

It was agreed that the SpringFest Committee will sell T-shirts and water. Murray has several coolers for the water.

Laura Folsom reported that she received a call from a Golf Club that wants to do golf demos. Members were concerned about safety

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kelleher
Member