

MINUTES. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018. 6:30 PM CHAPLIN TOWN HALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Schein at 6:30 PM Members present: Schein, Ricklin, Chuk, Richard, Rose, Maggs. Rose was seated for V. Seige and Maggs for P. Siege. Schein recording secretary. Also present, Quite Corner Hop Farmers, Sally and Bill Ireland and Kathy and Scott Burdick We started with a presentation by the Farmers who discussed the two grants they have applied for, Farm Transition Grant which is a fifty percent cost share and they hope to purchase equipment with these funds if awarded. They plan to purchase a thrasher and compactor, but will send hops out to be pelletized.. There is a one hundred thousand project maximum and a fifty thousand maximum match. Funds are awarded when project completed.

The other grant is a farm restoration grant awarded when idle farmland is brought back into production. This is a twenty thousand maximum which the farmers would use for clearing and irrigation. They have purchased a dwelling at Bedlam four corners and the farmland on the open space parcel across the road..

A discussion of the Maypole Festival followed. A band was hired to play from 1-3 pm, in the pavillion, Donut Jones, who play at several local venues. Also, we will pay for any permit needed for the Recreation Commission to sell food, after Ricklin moved and Chuk seconded, and a unanimous vote to approved occurred. Chuk will contact tee shirt makers to get prices and time frame. Schein reported a discussion with Dave Stone when he said that he would like to schedule two tee ball games and a Farm game in the afternoon and maybe a little league game..He would secure the PA system which is owned by the Recreation Commission.

Richard said she would check a friend who has a Bouncy House and Ricklin, a Library Board member, will discuss the Libraries activities at the Festival at the next meeting.

In other business, Chul started work on a brochure and Schein will meet with her soon to collaborate on this. Schein will get some information from the Mansfield senior housing as soon as she can. We also will start work on a proposal for an Event coordinator position to present to the Town.

Next meeting April 11, 2018, 6:30 pm,, Chaplin Town Hall

Adjournment at 7:38

Submitted by Schein

Stone offered to be liaison between this Commission and Rec commission.

We discussed strategies to attract people to the event, particularly the youth.

Stone suggested a link to sports activity like T- Ball opening day.

This idea was well received by all!

We discussed the Rec commission selling food out of the concession stand to make mo

Other topics like signage, parking, flyers and spreading the word were discussed.

Stone will meet with other Rec Commission members tomorrow and discuss their role in the Festival,
Check out High School band and choir involvement and check out the Maypole with LiO

Ricklin will contact PTO about student involvement.

V.Seige is continuing to work on her article.

Schein, Ricklin and V. Siege will visit CES and Linda Caron to check out Maypole and take pictures.

Meeting ended at 4 PM