

## Housatonic Improvement Committee

April 7, 2022

Attending: Dan Bailly, Patrick Barrett, Daniel Bialowes, Eric Gabriel, Louise Goldsmith, Angela Lomanto, and Bev Nourse.

Dan read the required Massachusetts statements.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm with a vote of 6 – 0.

Acceptance of Minutes - The minutes from 3/24 were approved as written and accepted by a 6 -0 vote.

The committee discussed a village-wide event.

Dan Bailly: talked to Deputy Fire Chief who has brought the proposal to provide food for the event. They are willing to offer food at cost or free and will provide squirt targets with fire trucks.

Louise: spoke to Jill at Berk Circ. Their fee is \$250 for 1 ½ hours which requires a lot of set up and breaking down. Spoke to Sonja Gray about llamas. She needs insurance coverage otherwise she can't attend. Her fee would be \$50 and she wants to set up booth with goods for sale.

Angela: spoke to SoCo which will provide a cooler and prepackaged servings of ice cream. Pleasant & Main is willing to participate and would be happy to have a SoCo cooler at the restaurant. They have plenty of space for outdoor seating and could do ethnic Polish and Italian foods. She left a message at A & B Package Store about their ice cream, sandwiches, and Slurpies.

Eileen Mooney asked when the event will take place? (HIC had decided after school was in session.)

Dan Bailly: mentioned his mom has connections with vendors

Louise: what about Housatonic vendors and pop-ups

Patrick: there is a lot of space, we should consider a broad reach with Housatonic being first. How will we fund the event? Will we charge for vendors?

Dan Bailly: it's reasonable to charge. How do we deal with money?

Eric: talked to Jim Stark who has reinstated the 501(c)3 status of Housatonic the Beautiful. He called Pulse and they are discussing their involvement. Flying High Dogs is available in October only. The show is less than an hour and they charge \$600. Berkshire Mountain Bakery does not have a portable pizza over. Brian House will set up a small stage.

Louise: ExtraSpecialTeas is not usually open on the weekend. Eric will check.

Dan Bailly: we need list of logistics like power, access to the community center or school for electricity? Restrooms? Port-o-potty? What is the budget?

Eric: asked town about police detail and ambulance.

Potential dates were discussed and the committee agreed that 11- 3 on October 1 would work with a rain date of October 8. After some discussion, the name "Party in the Park" was supported and

clustering all activities in the park within the fence seemed reasonable. Angela will meet with Betsy to discuss layout within the park.

Louise: we should use lawn signs and a banner.

All Things Housatonic:

Louise: extra dog refuse containers should be installed at Johnny's Garage on Main Street, at the Library? Eric will ask.

The Housatonic Clean-up is 8 am on April 23<sup>rd</sup> . Meet at the Firehouse.

Louise: asked about sidewalk repair on Cottage Street.

Discussion about inviting Sean Van Duesen to attend a meeting to give an update on the Rail Trail and sidewalks. Dan Bailly will reach out to him.

The RFP for the Housatonic School has been moved to June 10<sup>th</sup>. Two site visits have happened.

Citizen Speak: None.

Next Meetings: April 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned: 7:52 pm by unanimous agreement, 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Lomanto