

Northborough Community Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

(Virtual)Attendees: *Lisa Hodge, Suzanne Cieslica, Rebecca Mihopolous, Liz Bedard, Jessica Hey, Pamela Markey, Lisa Smith, Beth Paine and Tricia Olival (John Sabatini-host)*

Call to order @ 7:00PM-*zoom meeting due to Covid-19*

Opening Remarks

- *Lisa H made opening statement*
- *Roll call*
- *Approval of minutes by all attendees*

Financial Report

- *No money in the general fund*
- *Expenses- Pam(materials for baskets and tea lights)
Lisa S.(tea lights)*
- *Approval of Financial Report by all attendees*

Town Cleanup

Members

- *No members needed at this time*

Jack O'Lantern Stroll

Light up the Town

- *All positive feedback-local businesses seem to be happy with advertising/publicity*
- *89 registered houses and over 300 votes*
- *Google map, checklist and voting online worked out well*
- *Decided to have FOUR winners/baskets(TWO tied for 3rd place)
~1st Place -7 Greenwood 2nd -31 Winter 3rd- Mulligan +Washburn*
- *Suzy to announce winners and to include number of votes*
- *Pam and Rebecca to email winners and distribute baskets*

Tree Lighting

- *Was held virtually*
- *Northboro Cable access helped us stream live with 1,000 followers*

- *Had to move even to Wednesday due to storm on Saturday*
- *Candy cane lever was a success*
- *High school singers were great, add chorus next year*
- *DPW to add more lights for the 2021 season*

New Ideas

- *Discussed possible Valentines event with the Senior center*
 - write valentines or sponsor a senior?*
- *Beth to reach out to director of Senior Center*
- *Discussed doing a local scavenger hunt with businesses in town for March*
 - stamp card, clues to get people in stores and enter finished card in to basket for drawing, raffle tickets, codes in windows of business, maybe 15 stores/clues, "Amazing Race" challenge*
- *Suggested pulling out an old list of Trolley participants*
- *Need to figure out a way to do it safely-people might not want to go IN due to Covid-19*
- *To be done over a span of a couple weeks*
- *Possible local restaurant week(takeout)*
- *Lisa H to write up ideas to review*

Meeting adjourned @ 8:11pm Next meeting January 20, 2021