

## **Town of Berkley Celebrations Committee Minutes**

On Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 6: 30 p.m. the Berkley Celebrations Committee held a meeting at the Berkley Town Hall in Conference Room B.

Present at the meeting were: Jennifer Vincent, Kerrie Hamblett, Linda Wyndham.

Absent member: Lisa Wu, Valerie Seney, Jilleen Solomon, and Sarah Hebda. Guests: Andrea Perry

The meeting is opened at 6:31 p.m.

Discussion: There was discussion about pursuing various celebrations and fundraising ideas that would bring the town together.

1. Easter Egg Hunt – March 31<sup>st</sup> – encourage people to sign up and hold different sessions at different times for the community. Jennifer will reach out to Caitlin Whitmore as she has a bunny costume!
2. Araujo Porch Pot night – fundraising and fun night out. Kerrie is looking into this!
3. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – potentially sell tickets

The following are ideas and suggestions and votes taken at the meeting.

Contact Robbie Rose - highway department for information on purchasing another set of colored lights.

The budget for the Celebrations Committee is \$1500. Committee will check on last years billing.

**A motion is made and seconded to purchased a set of lights with a limit of \$250 for 12/3/2023 event**

Reminder to school that the Reindeer will escort Santa.

Printed packet should be at the school the week of 11/13/2023.

Cultural Council grant discussed for next year and Bay Coast grant discussed.

An invitation will be created and sent to School Committee, Board of Selectman, Local Reps, Principals and Superintendent.

Contact the COA request opening side door of COA room

Joe Freitas will talk to Board of Selectman about using bathrooms for the event,

Boy Scouts will be selling trees until 4:00 p.m. on 12//3. Suggest a time change.

Berkley Library will have an activity for the children perhaps cookie decorating and a cider drink.

Historical Society will open the Old Town Hall.

Ask Boondocks and Bay Coast Bank for permission to use their parking lots.

The PTO will have a raffle table.

The Congregation Church will have the Taunton Civic Chorus perform at 4:00 p.m.

Requesting information about flood lights. Fire Department may have some. CERT team may have portable lights.

Donation: Joe Frietas will donate from the Fall River Country Club value \$350 gift certificate

Music will be supplied by Kevin Hamblett.

Committee still developing ideas about food trucks.

Scavenger hunt will be developed by Jennifer.

Mr. McCarthy will be "santa" he has a santa suit.

Sponsor discussion will be addressed next year.

Crafts for kids will be developed by Kerrie.

**A motion is made and seconded and passed unanimously to purchase a backdrop for a photo booth in the amount of \$75.**

Jennifer will talk to Police Chief about blocking off common.

Time of event - 3:30 to 6:30, Events will start at 4:00 p.m.

Lights on at 5:00

A guide for the events will be created

A map to help guide the committee will be done, containing the following spots:

Katie's Kitchen, photobooth, band, arts and crafts, Santa, DJ parking, library events, bathrooms, etc.

Next meeting will be 11/20/2023.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Russo - volunteer