

Seymour Pride Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday June 8, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Seymour Town Hall/Flaherty Room

Members Present: Kristen Scianna, Kim Osgood, Joe Todice

Members Absent: Dwight Wildman, Kevin Baxter, Jan Moir

Guests Present: Bill Paecht, Parks Commission

Meeting Called to Order: 7:40 by Kristen Scianna

Minutes Approved: Kim motioned to approve the minutes from the May 11th regular meeting, Joe seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Discuss Seymour Pride clean – up days:

- Bill introduced himself and expressed that he was happy that we would be working with him. He explained that we can work in the parks as long as there are no games scheduled. We also can work in the parks on the weekends, and Monday through Friday before 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We are not allowed to work on any water department property.
- Bill went through the clean –up dates with the group and the schedule was re-vamped due to scheduling of graduation and games. The first clean-up is moved from French Park to Seymour High School on Sunday June 14 from 10-2, so the field will be cleaned up for graduation. Bill will talk to Dennis Rozum of Public Works to provide garbage bags and trash pick-up.
- The next clean-up day is scheduled for July 19 at Gary Park. Kristen asked that Joe organize times and what needs to be done that day. We will call Bill the week of the clean-up and determine what areas to target at the park. The August clean-up will be set –up in July with Bill after he evaluates the different parks and determines where our services will be best provided.

- Kristen presented the flier that she had developed to be distributed around town for volunteers. She will walk around town and talk to the different merchants to hang fliers in their windows and touch base with them about our group. She has also contacted Shop-Rite, Dunkin Doughnuts, and Stop and Shop to donate items for the day. The Valley United Way and Electrolux have also provided volunteers for the day.
- The committee agreed that we would arrive at the site for 9:00 and have refreshments set-up as well as a volunteer sign-up sheet for future contacts. We would also map out the areas that need work and come up with a plan before volunteers arrived to send people to certain areas to work on. The goal is to be ready and organized.

Update on Shelton Fundraiser:

- Kristen updated that we are waiting to go to the next town council meeting for approval on the fundraiser. It was discussed that seeing that it hasn't been approved yet that the date should be pushed to early September so we can still contact the schools for publicity. Kristen will call Shelton Sports Complex to discuss dates with Alan, the director. Kristen or Joe will also call the Selectman's office to find out when we are on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting so we can be in attendance.
- Joe discussed that he had tried contacting the Finance Dept. to see what our status is or what procedures we need to do to have our own account. Bill, who was still in attendance, is also on the Finance Board and said he will help look into it for us.

Discuss recruiting:

- Kim reported that she had spoken to Deirdre and had gotten the specific information to add members to the group. She will submit a letter this week to add Missy Orosz. Joe will touch base with Glen Greene to get the information needed for him and to make sure that he still wants to participate and get the information to Kim.

Discuss Fireman's Carnival:

- Kim reported that she had spoken to Mike Lombardi from the fire dept. and they needed the most help on Sunday June 28th to help clean-up after the carnival. We all agreed that it would be good to help, but Kristen and Joe will be out of town. Kim said it would be good if we had some of us there to help with public relations. She thought that when we have volunteers on Sunday we could have a separate sign-up sheet for the carnival or call/email people who do show up and see if they want to help. Kim will let Michael know and ask if there might be something else we can help with before the 28th.

Adjournment: Kristen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m., Joe seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Osgood

Secretary, Seymour Pride Committee

