

Railroad Avenue Recess Committee Meeting Minutes

9/9/2011

7:30 am Brownell Library

Kolvoord Room

Attendees: Sue McCormack Jaye O'Connell Penny Pillsbury
 Susanna Olson Annie Cooper Jonathan Williams
 Karyn Roberts

Review of Summer Events:

No discussion

Fall Events

Outdoor Movie Night

All set

History Walk

All set for 9/17. Need photo documentation; Stills will be okay. Jaye will take care of: either ask Ken O'Connell or Kahyl Cooper

Farmers Market

New idea: become a Friend of the Market with a \$15(?) donation; get a bag?

Market Harvest Fest: what is the Fall Pumpkin Fest?

No discussion

Localvore Dinner

Set for 10/16 at The Belted Cow. Planning has started

Scarecrows (Jaye O'Connell)

Not an event, so not necessarily planning to advertise. If all goes well, will advertise next year

Scarecrow family will be wooden form with clothes stapled to, hat as head

Need old clothes like a suit, overalls, gingham dress by 9/25

Sue McCormack will put plea for specific clothes out on NICE neighborhood email list

Scarecrows to be affixed to cemetery fence by 10/1

Will get permission

Possible idea for next year: Flash mob

Train Hop

Too late to include in fall brochure

Planning to start in October

Should be a separate sub-committee

Dave Crawford should be asked to lend train paraphernalia for Brownell's glass case

Is John Gaworecki a resource for train helpers and aficionados?

Penny Pillsbury will ask Chris, a patron at the library, if he is interested in helping

Penny Pillsbury can't participate, as conflicts with Vt. Humanities Council Speech.

Penny will designate a point person for the library and that person should attend planning meetings. Hogwarts Express should be inside.

Bike Tour

Unsure of Chris Halpin's availability to run this. Karyn Roberts will contact him to see about helping make it happen.

In meantime, it will stay on fall poster with date TBD. Worst case scenario is that it's cancelled.

Heart & Soul Grant

Will be a site visit in November if we're a finalist. Should hear at end of September.

Have a reception for site visit, possibly at Darkroom Gallery.

If get grant, the grant and the committee are a good resource for 100th Year Fleming Celebrations in the spring since part of grant is understanding history

This is excellent opportunity to broaden the scope of the planning 100th year to the entire community, beyond Fleming itself.

Karyn Roberts will contact Jonathan Williams about the next Heart and Soul Meeting

Tim Jerman, Ann Gray, Essex Historical society also good resources for Fleming 100th year planning.

Future Structure of the Committee

Meeting with Community Leaders/Partners now being considered for Feb. 2012, 2 years after community workshop

Penny Pillsbury to suggest dates.

From Agenda: Meeting of 20 people to discuss new directions. Jaye could present models for groups. I.e. Waterbury. Next steps: List of categories of people, Outreach plan, Brainstorm our own ideas of possible directions, create structure for that meeting. Per Sue, the mission of the meeting "sort of" like this: The mission of this group is for the continued revitalization of the future of the village; to serve as an umbrella group for the different elements of revitalization.

Targeted attendees: stakeholders, "community movers and shakers", although community could come to if they wanted.

Some specific ideas for people to invite to this AND RRAV meetings in general:

Mary (the new trustee) – Sue McCormack will contact

Rosemary Daily – Jaye O'Connell will contact

Heather Hammock – Susanna Olson will contact

Theresa Utton – Karyn Roberts will contact

RRAR Storage in Lincoln Hall

In Lincoln Hall basement

Need to coordinate with Jonathan Williams since stairwell is being used for propane tank removal.

Budget

No discussion

Train Station Revitalization

Jaye O'Connell will acknowledge receipt of info re: Saco Train Station from Donna Canniff. Amtrak's Great American Stations meeting about renovation has been postponed to 12/8/11.

Monthly Agenda Template

Jaye O'Connell introduced a template to be used to create all meeting agendas.

Train Station Bank Vestibule

Turn into art gallery: The Train Stop Gallery

Ask Ken Signorelli from the Darkroom Gallery if he will decorate it for autumn.

Tina Logan is also a good resource.

Vestibule an outlet and a light, although don't know if can turn if off.

Jonathan Williams has lead on this.

Minutes submitted by Karyn Roberts