

**BLOCK PARTY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016, 3:30 – 4:30 PM**  
**LINCOLN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**AGENDA**

1. Update on Vendors, Participants and Sponsors
2. Discuss Possible Change of Location and Visit Site
3. Next meeting: June 27, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
MINUTES OF BLOCK PARTY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 23, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Bridget Meyer, Sam Jackson, Steve Gragg, Brian Roy and Lori Browne.  
**ADMINISTRATION:** Patty Benoit, Administrative Assistant; Darby Mayville, Community Relations Assistant.

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The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

1. Update on Vendors, Participants and Sponsors

We could still use someone who would make hamburgers and hot dogs to sell. Darby will put a notice on Front Porch Forum and Facebook. We really need more local non-profit organizations to sign up so she'll also put that on the posting.

Steve said the fire department will stay on Ivy Lane and Brian indicated the 5K run will also use Ivy Lane. Lori owns the costume shop on Railroad Ave. called Triple Loop. She said she plans a costume sale at the block party. She also offered costumes for anyone who wants to dress up as a mascot.

Bridget asked if we had enough activities for little children and it was agreed that we do – bounce castle, roaming railroad, fire trucks, face painting and balloon art.

We are at \$2,200 from sponsors so are over budget by \$200 at this point.

2. Discuss Possible Change of Location and Visit Site

Heart & Soul did not get the grant to move the block party to Main Street from the five corners to Railroad Avenue. They were told it was something we could do ourselves, so the Municipal Manager checked with Police Chief Brad LaRose about any concerns he had. Chief LaRose submitted a detailed memo about issues that would arise from having the block party on Main Street, including straining their resources, detouring large trucks and distracted drivers. He suggested a compromise of partially closing that part of Main St. for the block party.

The committee discussed this option but felt it was preferable to keep the block party on Railroad Avenue. Main Street has been a very safe route for the roaming railroad. The Village Trustees will be discussing this matter at their meeting on May 24th. Darby will be in attendance so she will explain the committee's concerns and the wish to keep all block party activities on Railroad Avenue, Ivy Lane and Lincoln Place.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM. The next meeting will be June 27, 2016 at 3:30 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patty Benoit 