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Seymour Parade Committee

Special Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday October 26, 2020 6 pm

Members present: Alex Danka, Fred Stanek, Stephanie Danka, Harvey Catlin, Lucy McConologue, John Stelma

Members Absent: Preet Singh, Beverly Kennedy, Daniel Staffieri

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

Public Comment/ Open Forum- Alex began the discussion with the choices we have for the Christmas Parade and alternatives for this year due to the COVID-19 virus and to try to do something that is in the best interest for Seymour and its residents. Rather than postpone the parade, it was suggested that we look into the alternative idea of having a first annual town wide house decorating contest this year and to hopefully have the parade again next year and possibly have the house decorating contest next year under the auspices of the town. Funds would be requested from the town to hold the contest and would also include decorating the Town Hall. Decorations would be put up by the Public Works Department. Alex suggested the Parade Chairman would help with the judging. Harvey Catlin suggested an art teacher from the Seymour school system could be the judge. Signs would be put on the lawns of the winning houses. Participating houses will have signs with a theme on them as well as a ticket number.

Registration will begin on November 5, 2020 and applications would be taken until December 5, 2020. The deadline would be 5 pm on December 5, 2020.

Judging would take place starting on December 6, 2020 possibly continuing until December 7 or 8 depending on the number of entries. Prizes would be \$200 for first prize, \$100 for the second prize, \$75 for the third prize, and an award for fourth place. The award could be a name such as the Grinch Award, Clark Griswold Award, or Martha Stewart Award. A \$15 donation for each of the first fifteen registrants would be made by the committee to the food bank.

Some of the guidelines for the decorations would be that they be on the outside of the house only and that the lights should be on the days that they are being judged. They will be judged based on curb appeal. (How they appear from the road), as well as the uniqueness of the design. The winners will be announced at the Board of Selectman meeting on December 16, 2020.

Fred Stanek made a motion to dub the event "Lights of Seymour". Harvey Catlin seconded the motion adding that the name would be inclusive for all who wanted to participate.

A completed proposal will be made at the next meeting which will be on November 2, 2020 at 6 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stelma