

## **Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting September 26<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Attendance:** Jane Bezanson, Jennifer D'Aubin, Gary Olsvik, Steve Clayton, Anne Crossman, Caroline Perrima, Nancy Price, Brandon Lake

Kirk Lycett sent his regrets

Jennifer called to order 8:05am

Approval of last minutes , moved by Steve , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anne , M/C

**Gary –**

**Ciderfest** – eliminated Friday night made Saturday focus on family.

- 51 paid people at dance at the legion Saturday night.
- Saturday a huge success, with the help of volunteers from The Amazing Grace Church.
- Parade good a lot of floats this year
- Dinner attendance was up again this year, as well the apple pie contest brought in more this year.
- One of the comments made was that Sunday during the ball tournament and Market at the Legion there were no food vendors.
- Looking at \$400 to the good.
- Wrap up meeting to be held October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**VIC –**

- Closed early this year due to students having to go back to school
- Grants came through
- \$6000 budget
- Will break even

**Finance –**

- \$16,142.14 operating balance

**Moonlight Madness** - Group of Gary, Caroline and Ruth was formed and they have met

- Parade of lights on Friday night
- Date ?? – November 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>
- Lights on Queen Street , as to stringing extension cords. Gary waiting to hear back from NS Power contact person.
- Need to have merchants participate and have the kind of sales that bring people into Town and the stores.
- Have the Victorian people around Town, (Anne will look into This) need around 10

**Results of Law case re: thief**

- Finally charged
- He received 2 years jail and 3 years probation

- Hopefully this is the end to theft and destruction of property.

## **County - has issued a State of Climate Emergency**

### **Internet Build Contract –**

- Contract has been signed with Eagle Telecom of New Brunswick
- Looking for Management to oversee whole project.

### **Motion passed re Community Grants –**

- County has passed a motion for Community Grants in a new category.
- This would be used for non profit groups to get refocused.
- Could get up to \$20,000.
- Description of grant on County website.

### **Garbage Issue –**

- Land was bought and some was donated
- Site in Lawrencetown belongs to Valley Waste
- Done deal.

### **Painting Job done August on Queen Street –**

- Alice Bruce Building / window display / painting
- Salvation Army
- Benches / Planters
- Job well done looks great

### **Town Hall Parking Lot Update – Nancy Price –**

- \$50,000 green space to be done this year
- Paving to be done next year
- Must be done by March
- Ken Winter will finish the sign
- Information station will be there with information on the area, the Chamber will take on the responsibility of this information station.
- Who takes responsibility of planters? Put out to Garden Club to see if they would do this.
- Check into community in bloom , may be some money there for upkeep.
- Is there value in having a follow up meeting to announce what is going on.
- Maybe combine with Moonlight madness
- Maybe combine with AGM – making it the theme – Moving forward.
- Nancy said more plans to come and pointed out the positive side of working with the county.

### **AGM –**

- Gary proposed we postpone the AGM until year end which is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Should be before end of May, but should shoot for early April
- Anne agreed to work on AGM with a tentative date of April 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday evening)
- She will contact Nominating committee Kirk Lycett.

### **Steve Clayton –**

- **Arena**
  - Has new boards and glass and netting should be done by Monday
- **Track and Field**
  - Coming along nicely , hard to tell from the level view
  - Nancy will see about getting picture posted on community forum of what it will look like
- **Home Hardware**
  - Has new owners and they seem very nice
  - Suggested they should be invited to come to chamber meeting
  - Steve will ask them

### **New School –**

- Still a go, just waiting to get all the money to by Franchise

### **Barack Obama –**

- Is speaking in Halifax on Wednesday November 13/2019
- The Chamber has been given 2 free tickets
- After a brief discussion it was decide that a notice would go out to all paid members and that anyone interested would go into the draw for the tickets.
- Who ever won would have to attend the next Chamber meeting and give an over view of the event.
- Jennifer to get Andy to send out notice

### **Next Meeting -**

Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
8:00am  
Temple on Queen