**Selectboard Meeting**

**Richford, Vermont**

**Approved Special Meeting Minutes**

**June 8, 2023**

Chair Pond called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm with members Wally Steinhour, Alan Fletcher, Sherry Paquette, and Kristen Sheperd present. Guests at the meeting included Joey Randall, Paul Adamczak, Marianne Hall, Arkie Pond, and Terry Leonard

Chair Pond explained the special meeting was called to discuss the 4th of July Parade. There have been concerns if the parade was going to happen. Chair Pond said he does not want to see the parade cancelled. Arkie said Alumni is already advertising the July 4th parade. Marianne said she had written up a step-by-step guide on how to organize the event.

Selectwoman Sheperd has been in-charge of the parade committee. Chair Pond asked for an update on what has been done thus far. The looming issue has been finding help to gate off certain roads along the parade route. She called the Town Constable about shutting down the roads. He did it for one year and had no help controlling the streets. There is no interest in doing it again. Since then, Selectwoman Sheperd has been looking for volunteers, but has not found any.

Chair Pond said the fire department has gates, but will need people to man them. He estimated there are 8 to 9 areas that may need to be blocked off. Selectman Steinhour suggested reaching out to a resident that runs a local security business named Security Onsite LLC. This could be a solution for blocking the streets.

Selectwoman Sheperd said she can reach out to parade participants as long as the streets are blocked off. Marianne Hall and Terry Leonard will help with calls as well. Kristen talked to Mrs. O’Brien from the High School about having the High School Band play music. It was suggested to contact local representatives to see if they would like to participate too.

Arkie said the Lion’s Club sponsors the parade for insurance purposes. The only thing that cannot be served is alcohol and fireworks.

The Selectboard tasked the Town Administrator with contacting Security Onsite LLC.

Other Business – Chair Pond discussed the SCBA gear quote for the fire department. He wanted the board to be aware and will discuss further at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm

Submitted by

Michael Olio – Town Administrator

Attest: