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Kent Park and Recreation
Halloween Bash Subcommittee
Sept. 29, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Present: Darlene Brady, Lynn Harrington, Diane Impastato, Connie Manes, Michael Perkins, Kate Symonds, director Lesly Ferris.

Public and Invited Guests: First Selectman Jean Speck.

Lynn Harrington called the special meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. via Zoom.

Discussion of 2020 Halloween activities: Mrs. Harrington noted Park and Rec isn't able to host its traditional Halloween Bash at the Community House because the building isn't open and talked about coming up with an alternate activity. Discussion included the following points:

- The Kent Land Trust would offer its help if the KLT field on Route 7 is helpful. The Land Trust would want pre-registration and waivers signed if an event took place at its field. There also may be concerns about volume of traffic and potential damage to the fields if there was a large event.
- Mrs. Harrington suggested having a walk-through or drive-through event with scary stations before Halloween. A number of possible locations where motorists could drive in and out were discussed. Mrs. Harrington will visit and research potential locations and bring ideas to the next meeting.
- Other ideas shared were Warren's Spooktastical Halloween Trail Contest, hosting a parade of spookily-decorated cars or a haunted hayride.
- There also was discussion about trick-or-treating in Town on Halloween. Facebook had a chain of comments about Halloween from businesses and the fire department. Should Park and Rec reach out to these groups to include in discussion about Halloween events? The Board of Selectmen has not discussed Halloween. The Town in the past has provided state police presence. Park and Rec has handed out glow necklaces.
- Weather contingencies, social distancing, mask wearing and volunteers also were discussed.

Next Subcommittee meeting date: Mrs. Harrington asked if subcommittee members could meet again this week or early next week to solidify plans. The subcommittee set its next meeting for Friday, Oct. 2, 2020 at 5 p.m. via Zoom.

Mrs. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Lesly Ferris
Director

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