

JOHNSON TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022

Present: Howard Romero, Sophia Berard, Tim Mikovitz, Abby Gladstone-Strobel, Joie Lehouillier, Joe Salerno

Absent: Tim Mikovitz

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Howard called the meeting to order at 7:08.

Sophia said Justin Marsh is willing to emcee as Emoji Nightmare on open mic night and is willing to be paid whatever we want to pay. Isaac Eddy has agreed to emcee on the other nights. **Sophia moved to pay Justin Marsh \$150 to emcee the open mic night on August 30, Tom seconded and the motion was passed.**

Joe Salerno said he lives next to Legion Field, behind the backstop. Last year he had some conversations with committee members about generator noise. What was done to mitigate the noise last year only made a marginal difference. Howard said a food truck that was using a generator last year couldn't be plugged into our power box because it kept flipping the breaker but we are going to change the circuit breaker and socket to 50 amps so they should be able to plug into the power box and should not have to use the generator. Committee members thought at least one other truck was also using a generator. It was discussed that perhaps the vendors nearest the backstop could be ones that are not using generators.

Joe said all the sound really comes at his house. He suggested maybe that could be mitigated with different positioning of the speakers. Committee members agreed that perhaps we can try to angle them differently. Joie said there are some bands that are really loud. She feels that it is too loud if you can't talk to the person next to you. Joe said the acoustics are funny. Sometimes it sounds louder at his house than on the field. Maybe sound checks could include walking out to Clay Hill. Tom said he will meet Joe at his house on the first Tuesday Night Live. *(Joe left at 7:17.)*

Howard said the town is tax-exempt and we need to get the tax exempt number from Rosemary or Brian.

Sophia moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022, Joie seconded and the motion was passed.

Howard said there are bare spots on the field where the burn kettles for the ice rink were sitting. The town is going to be putting grass seed on them. Tom asked if the committee needs him to bring a picnic table to Legion Field. Committee members agreed he should bring one. Howard said Kyle Nuse volunteered to put flowers in front of the bandstand. He will prune vines to improve sight lines. He will not be available for about the next 10 days but when he is back then we can start working on expanding the closet.

Abby said she sent out an email to all previous sponsors she had email addresses for. Higher Elevation is opening a business that will sell cannabis and glass items in Morrisville and they want to be a \$1000 sponsor. Three Mountain Roofing gave \$500. Some other sponsors increased their amounts. We have \$6,250 in committed amounts from sponsors. People's Bank said if we fill out an application before May 20 they would like us to ask for \$1000. There are some places she hasn't asked that she could still ask about sponsorships. She did not contact NVU or Smugglers' Notch because she thought someone else was handling that, as well as maybe Jay Peak. Joie said she reached out to Smugglers' Notch but she doesn't know if that one will work out. Abby listed the sponsors she has so far and the amounts they are giving. The committee agreed there is no issue with having Higher Elevation as a sponsor.

Sophia said for the bands she has booked so far she has been offering payment averaging a little higher than \$100 per person.

Abby said some sponsors have been talking about sending logos for the signs. Howard said she should point out that the signs will all be hand painted.

The committee previously agreed to let the Better Business Bureau have a table at every Tuesday Night Live in exchange for the \$1000 they are willing to pay. Abby listed the 8 other nonprofits she has lined up. Sophia said she will reach out to the Pride Center about having a table for the last night. Let's Grow Kids was also interested in having a table. It was agreed to tell them they can come one of the nights. There can be one night with two tables or maybe someone will cancel.

Howard said he asked NEMS about offering COVID boosters and they said they would do it only if the state thinks they should.

The committee talked about the best way to arrange vendors to reduce generator noise for the neighbors.

Abby listed the items we need to submit in order to ask for a sponsorship from People's Bank. One thing they need to know is the committee's annual budget. It was agreed that \$10K is a reasonable figure. Another thing needed is the committee's mission statement. The committee agreed on a phrase that describes its mission. Abby said she will submit the application tomorrow.

Abby said she told the nonprofits that they have to bring their own table and chairs and that they can't sell food. Howard and Sophia said they can't sell anything. But they can have a donation jar.

Abby said she has to miss the first two Tuesdays so someone else will have to handle reimbursing the vendors for what the bands buy. Joie said she thinks she can do it.

It was agreed to provide fake money in \$5 and \$1 denominations to the band members for getting food. Howard said he will order some fake money. Sophia said she could make a stamp to stamp it with.

Sophia said the email she sends to vendors will say the serving products they use need to be BPI certified. She said when the committee previously discussed vendors fees we all thought the fee had been \$250 and we agreed to keep it at \$250 but it was actually \$200 last year. How much should the fee be for this year? The committee decided \$225 would be reasonable. Joie suggested that if someone says they were only planning on \$200 we should just accept that. **Sophia moved to make the vendor fee \$225 for this season, Tom seconded and the motion was passed.** Sophia said she will send out an email to all the vendors. She will include a statement that due to residential noise concerns we will be rearranging the layout of vendors this year. Howard suggested we might ask who needs electricity. Sophia said as vendors respond she thinks we can ask them individually about that.

Sophia listed the six bands she has signed up so far. The committee discussed some other possible bands. Tim suggested someone who could be the opening act one night. The committee thought it might work to start at 5:30 one evening with a half hour opening act. Howard mentioned another band that could also potentially open one night.

Sophia said there is a classical musician who is trying to raise climate crisis awareness by giving a free concert in every town in Vermont. Could it work for him to take one of the Tuesday Night Live spots? Tom suggested maybe it would be better for that to happen on a special night that is not a Tuesday, but with the TNL crew.

The committee discussed how to run the open mic night. Tom suggested solo performers should put their names on a sign-up sheet that evening and the host will call people up. If a band wants to come he thinks we should know ahead of time. Abby suggested putting a notice on Facebook. Howard asked about having amps set up that different bands could plug into. Tom said he can bring some things to set up. He thinks we need to have a conversation with Tim about it. He suggests we have a bass amp, a guitar amp and a drum kit on the stage for people to plug into.

Howard said he has been in touch with the solid waste district. They have a contract that he will sign on behalf of the committee that will let us dispose of our waste at a discount. He reviewed the pricing structure with the committee. The contract allows us to dispose of material at a reduced rate and we agreed to collect only items that are on the list. We can continue to take our trash to the town dumpster. The contract covers recycling and compostable material. **Tom moved to authorized Howard to sign the waste disposal contract with the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District, Joie seconded and the motion was passed.**

It was agreed to schedule the next meeting for Wednesday June 1 if Tim can be there that evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths