COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES 2 May 2018 7:00 PM – Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM in the Town Hall.

<u>Members present</u>: Wicca Davidson (Chair), Lindsey Greenfield, Robert Lyford, Barbara Rose, Aki Peritz, Cathy Slesinger, and Julie Stanish.

The April minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no public comments offered.

OLD BUSINESS—Events and Community Service

- Magic Show May 4: Wicca Davidson reported on the status of the upcoming Magic Show. RSVPs have been received from 75 people. Michael Chamberlain, who has performed for the Town many times, will perform – an event that had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather on March 2. Bob Lyford, Lindsey Greenfield and Julie Trocchio agreed to assist with the event.
- <u>Guitar Fingerpicking June 10</u>: Wicca Davidson reported that David Zigele, a guitarist who plays vintage guitars and is a resident of the community, will perform. He will also talk about the guitars and their differences. Bob Lyford agreed to work at the event.
- Independence Day Parade & Picnic July 4: Aki Peritz reported that all was on track for the event in terms of permits, food and staffing. Barbara Rose reported on the contributions that the Centennial Committee plan to offer including a cake, a centennial banner and photo of those attending taken under the banner. Wicca Davidson reported that she would oversee the reading of the Declaration of Independence, given that it is a signature activity of this very popular town event and would try to secure a suitable microphone. To ensure effective cleanup, it was agreed to hire personnel. Wicca Davidson also agreed to explore if we could get a vintage fire truck at the event.

OLD BUSINESS-- Communications

Welcome Package Distribution: Cathy Slesinger brought the welcome bags to committee
members for delivery to Town residents with cards to be personalized for each neighbor
receiving. About 45 bags had been prepared for delivery. Cathy recommended that
next year the Committee continue working with Town staff, who she indicated are
extremely helpful with material collection and bag preparation, but she suggested that
we prepare a more detailed plan that can help us track the delivery of the requested
materials more effectively.

NEW BUSINESS--Events/Community Service

- Town Centennial Celebration: Barbara Rose, as a liaison for the newly established Town Centennial Committee, reported on the initial activities of the committee including the delivery of a centennial magnet to each Town family to celebrate the launch of yearlong festivities. The first event will be on June 3 with a tour of Town gardens -"Digging into the New Century"- that will close with a gathering at the Town Center to kick off the celebration.
- <u>Available Dates for Events:</u> Wicca Davidson reported that Thursday, June 21 was the
 only other available date for an event sponsored by the Community Relations
 Committee for the balance of the year. The committee agreed that it would not plan
 events for that date or through the rest of the summer that are not already planned.
- <u>Playdates in the Park</u>: Wicca plans to seek out parents in town who might have an interest in participating with this simple, but popular, summer time event.
- Rising K-3 Playdate in the Park: Wicca Davidson reported that she will be coordinating this event with Dana Peritz. The event is scheduled for September 2 for K-3 children to allow children and parents to start to get to know each other, and have fun together before the school year begins.
- <u>Town Arborist, Bagels, Coffee, Walk & Talk</u>: There was a general discussion about holding this event on a Saturday morning. Wicca Davidson indicated that she would speak to the Town arborist to determine an available date.
- <u>Planning Discussion for Future Events</u>: Given the upcoming summer hiatus, there was limited discussion of future events other than those discussed above.

OTHER BUSINESS

 Wicca Davidson asked the Committee members if they would consider her serving as Council Liaison for the Community Relations Committee when she begins her tenure as a member of the Town Council. The members unanimously agreed that she would be a welcomed and excellent liaison.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Slesinger