Minutes Holiday Lighting Committee

October 29, 2019 9:00 AM

- I. Members Present: Connie Kieley, Mary Scholl, Dan Masterson, Matt Cabana, Rob Wills
- II. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, 11/11/2019 @ 9am

III. Discussion:

Minutes of 01/08/19 were reviewed and approved.

The committee briefly reviewed 2019 Town Meeting Warrant articles #10 and 11 (\$1400. for 2019 holiday lighting, and \$2500. for underground wiring of the Town Common; both articles were approved as written).

Rob reported a successful installation of 1200' of cable at the Town Common on 10/26, with the assistance of Ken Caisse and Soren Wills. A big "Thanks" to Rob, Ken and Soren for a job well done. Expenses to date are \$1638.68.

Installation of the waterproof (WireMold) outdoor ground box, and miscellaneous finishing tasks will be completed the weekend of 11/30. The installation project is in keeping with the budget.

Dan will check lights in the storage area for exact count of unused strings. Lights will be tested at the time of trimming. Dan has recommended that we add 1 string of lights per year, per tree for growth.

Connie announced that Alan Pickman is compiling a map of the cable paths for organizations who use the Common. Everyone agreed this is a great tool for safety and longevity.

Subjects of date, timing, advertising, gap time between Rec Committee/TES program and Holiday Lighting were discussed. A joint post-card advertisement with other organizations, and a banner like the Trunk & Treat event, were discussed. Connie will discuss coordination with Lillian Wills (Rec Com).

We agreed that additional music at the Town Hall between the Rec Com/TES program and lighting, should be explored. The Monadnock Mountain Music group, currently scheduled to use the Town Hall on that day, was discussed. Connie is looking into this.

We have 2 possible Evergreen tree donations. Vince Mammone, and a tree from an existing tree farm behind TES. Matt will explore options.

It was decided that we will light the 5 small maple trees, and possibly the 1 large elm on the V, approaching the Common from General Miller Hwy. If we light the elm, we will need a long extension cord and possibly 16 additional strands of lights.

After the meeting the committee took a walk to the Common to review the cable installation. Good job guys!

IV. Event Dates Trim Maples week of 11/17-24, (2 days)

Light Maple Trees 12/01

Tree Lighting Ceremony 12/06 (tentative)

Submitted by: Mary Scholl

10/31/2019

Approved 11/15/2019