

# Town of St. Germain

## Independence Day Committee, Meeting Minutes via Zoom

**May 26, 2020**

1. Call to order: By Cookie Lough at 5:30 pm
2. Meeting posting verification: Posted by 05/24/2020
3. Roll call, confirm quorum: Ted Ritter, Jeff Sauer, Ken Dahnke, Cookie Lough, Lou Clark, Absent Anne Small Penny Strom Jim Swenson and June Vogel.
4. Public comments: Brian Cooper-Indicated he could get additional volunteers.
5. Approval of minutes of 05/14/2020 meeting; Suspended until July 7th Meeting.
6. Review the new Independence Day Celebration Committee page on town website. No action taken.
7. Discussion – Ted Ritter recapped Board meeting discussion regarding committee's decision to postpone Independence Day Celebration and to consider a Labor Day Celebration.
  1. Brian Cooper (Town Councilman) spoke that he felt that he could get additional volunteers if the Celebration were to continue in June or potentially take over for the committee with their guidance.
  2. Cookie expressed that taking over could lead to potential issues with safety and control of any events with volunteers who have not done the Celebration before.
  3. Ken expressed the social distancing issue and that the Lions club was primarily those in the high risk category and did not want to participate.
  4. Jeff expressed standing by the original decision especially with the disregard of the public over the memorial Day weekend of social distancing and wearing of masks when in crowds. He also indicated a discussion was held at the county level today regarding town celebrations- Penny was to receive that input. Jeff understood the need for the businesses but read where the summer heat may slow the spread and again stood by the suggestion to revisit in July for Labor Day to help the town.
  5. Lou also expressed her disdain in the Holiday crowds lack of regard as well as some businesses lack of wearing safety masks and serving food. She strongly expressed No for an Independence Day Celebration and also stood by the potential for a Labor Day Celebration depending on the Virus tempo this summer.
  6. Ted as the Town representative agreed with the committee's decision as the right thing to do for the safety of all. He also indicated that the Town Commissioner's could advance some sort of function for the Independence Holiday.

7. Cookie announced that the Committee decision stands as of the May 14th Meeting to not hold the Celebration.
8. Motion made by Jeff Sauer to adjourn until the planned July 7th Meeting. Second by Lou and Ken

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Sauer

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