

Bristol 4th of July Committee
Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on November 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Camille Teixeira at 7:00PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken. The attendance record is available upon request. This meeting is being held at the Burnside Building.

Membership

A letter of resignation was received and read from Jose Taboada. A motion was made by Tammy Mojkowski, and seconded by Lisa Fisher, to accept the letter of resignation, with all in favor the motion passed.

The minutes of September 17, 2024, and October 17, 2024 General Committee Meetings were approved as submitted on a motion made by Gena Campbell and seconded by Lisa Fisher, with all in favor the motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report dated October 31, 2024, was approved as submitted on a motion made by Maria Cesario and seconded by Patti Nenna, with all in favor the motion passed.

Sunshine Fund reported by Pat Squatrito

Beg Balance = \$745.47

50/50 and dues = \$71.00

3 get well and 1 sympathy gift

Ending Balance = \$684.52

A thank you note was received from the RI Veteran's Home. License Plate sales have donated \$1515.00 to them.

Elaine Rusk and Barbara Palumbo sent thank you notes they were received and read by Pat Squatrito.

2025 Concert Series - Pros and cons to both Independence Park and Roger Williams University. Police Chief Lynch is here with Officer Scott McNally and Steven St. Pierre - who have over 20 years at the Police Department.

Last year after the celebration they hold a meeting and issue an after action report. They want the concert series to be a safe community event. Discussion on the budget of all the 4th of July events.

There is a limited budget - 1/2 of what we need. 2024 \$7000.00 and 2025 \$18,984.00

RWU does offer a reduced cost for sure. We hire approximately 100 outside personnel - Military and State Police

It is also 2000 square feet larger.

New and Improved location of concerts, vending, parking etc will be in effect. We listened to what people said. RWU is easier to secure, offers more parking and more handicap parking.

Camille Teixeira is our decision maker - per Steve Contente.

The high school was suggested but parking is very limited there too. Not great logistics for band and spectators.

2025 Concert Series Location -

A very long, informative and sometimes intense conversation regarding the location of the concert series was the big "talk" of the meeting.

A motion was made by Nat Squatrito and seconded by Lisa Fisher to move the concerts from Independence Park to Roger Williams University for 2025. 32 attendees approved and 9 abstained.

We want to set up a press conference to announce this. Please keep this information confidential at this time.

Subcommittee Reports

Walk of Freedom. Reported by Alan Palumbo

Bricks sold 25 x \$100 = \$2500.

Pavers sold 9 x \$300 = \$2700.

Income = \$5200.

Engraving = \$770.

Total Income = \$4430.

25 Week Raffle 89 tickets are unsold - reported by Nat Squatrito.

Button Contest Reported by Dudley Hallaghan

34th contest is underway. Applications are at 136 Express, Town Hall and Roger's Free Library.

Deadline is 1/25/25

New format

K - grade 2

Grade 3 - grade 5

Grade 6 - grade 8

Grade 9 - grade 12

\$50.00 will be awarded to the winner of each level and \$75.00 to the overall winner.

The Children's Show will be on June 29, 2025 at the Maritime Center. (Magician)

The 2025 Comm Coin will be available next week. The Walk About is this weekend. Maybe some merchants will sell for us.

\$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00 but we have changed that to 2 for \$20.00.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

December 3, 2024 Rec Center 6 PM Patriotic Exercises Any thoughts on a Hattie Brown recipient or a Patriotic Speaker - please contact Judy or attend the meeting.

Jingle Mingle December 5, 2024 6 - 9 PM Linden Place

Miss and Little Miss 4th of July Pageant May 24, 2025. Mt Hope High School. Applications available in March.

Good of the Committee:

50/50 \$21.00 Congratulations Angela Cabral

Happy Thanksgiving!

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM on a motion made by Patti Nenna and seconded by Lisa Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Rainey, Recording Secretary