



UPDATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE, FAMILY & RECREATION

May 28, 2020

RE: James “Dutch” Fogarty Fourth of July Celebration Update

The Co-Chairs of the Independence Day Celebration Committee have been actively monitoring the rapid spread of the Coronavirus locally, nationally and internationally. The progression of this deadly virus has been rapid, unpredictable and in thousands of cases, deadly. We are considering the ramifications of this unprecedented situation and how it would impact holding the 2020 Fourth of July Celebration here in Manchester.

Due to the uncertainty of the progression and duration of this virus many of our prior years sponsors, which include a significant number of local individuals and businesses, have indicated that they may not be in a position to provide financial assistance to us this year. While we will hope for the best we must plan for the worst. After careful deliberation there appears to be no acceptable path forward that would mitigate the risk enough to protect the community by holding a celebration this year. For these reason the Town has decided to cancel the 2020 Fourth of July Celebration in its entirety.

We look forward to getting back to some kind of normalcy and will continue our planning for the 2021 celebration. Please stay safe and healthy.

Thank you,

James “Dutch” Fogarty Fourth of July Celebration Committee



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