

Public Celebrations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 2018
Wallingford Town Hall
Room 315
Minutes

Agenda Item 1. Chairwoman Roz Gallagher called meeting to order at 5:33pm.

Attendance: Those present were Roz Gallagher, Dawn Lindauer, Holly Lafond, Lorraine Devaney, Lynn Woods, Barbara (Bobbi) Routhier, Barbara Kapi, Nancy Miller, Michelle Bjorkman, Patricia Coombs, Ruth Palmer, Larry Russo. Those absent: Colin Benard, Marla Bruno, Lisa Chuba, Joan Ives-Parisi, Erin Maghery, Carolyn Massoni, Kim Pisani, Jane Rizzo, Ray Ross

Agenda Item 4 - Chairwoman Gallagher expressed sympathy to Dawn Lindauer on the passing of her mother. She also thanked Lorraine Devaney for decorating the foyer.

Agenda Item 5. Chairwoman Gallagher also accepted the resignation letter from Marla Bruno from the committee. Chairwoman Gallagher wished her well and thanked her for her work on the committee to date. Resignation was forwarded to Vincent Cervoni, Town Council Chairman.

Agenda Item 6. 9/11 Ceremony wrap up. Chairwoman Gallagher spoke about the success of the 9/11 Ceremony at the Town Hall. The speaker was Rob Blanchard who spoke eloquently. She thanked the Boy Scouts and the singer. Chairwoman Gallagher thanked the members who attended the ceremony and hoped for a larger presence in 2019 by enhancing our communication with the community, and spoke about working the ceremony differently in 2019.

Agenda Item 10 – Halloween. Chairwoman Gallagher went over the task sheet for the Halloween event on October 26, 2018 @ 6:45pm which will be held in front of the Town Hall. All members are asked to show up to event by 5:30pm if possible. A Motion was made to purchase and use hand held glow sticks at the event. Bobbie Routhier made a motion to purchase the glow sticks, Second by Nancy Miller. Motion passes, 9-3. Those voting no; Dawn Lindauer, Holly Lafond, Ruth Palmer. Michelle Bjorkman discussed Cider and Donuts for event and the cost savings for those items. Chairwoman Gallagher discussed the storage closet for Public Celebrations and thanked the members who were in attendance to clean out the closet. Michelle Bjorkman left meeting at 6:00pm

Agenda Items 2. Approve minutes from July and August meetings. The agenda should have read July and September meetings. Motion made by Bobbie Routhier to accept minutes. Second by Barbara Kapi. Motion passes, 11-0.

Agenda Item 3 – Treasurer’s Report. Joan Ives-Parisi not in attendance. No vote on acceptance of report. Chairwoman Gallagher reported from Jim Bowes, Comptroller for Town of Wallingford that as of 10/2/18 we had \$14, 488.39 in our account.

Agenda Item 7 – Veteran’s Day. This year it is 11/11/18 # 11:00am at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School. The Veteran’s Committee needs a band and a singer. Discussion about committee to give Veteran’s Committee \$200.00 to cover cost of band (Yalesville Fife & Drum). Lynn Woods made a motion to give the Veteran’s Committee \$200.00 to cover cost of band. A Second was made by Lynn Woods. Motion passes 11-0. Chairwoman Gallagher will contact Jim Bowes, Comptroller, and the Town Council for funds.

Agenda Item 8 – Memorial Day Parade – no update.

Agenda Item 9 – Block Dance. Chairwoman Gallagher discussed relocating to Simpson Court. Fireworks to be set off at Lufberry Park and not Masonicare. The 350th Committee will have a test run of fireworks on 9-26-19 at 9:00pm from Lufberry Park to determine best places in town to view fireworks. Discussion of more members helping out for Block Dance. The next Block Dance Committee meeting will be 11/5/18 in Room 205 @ 5:30pm.

Agenda Item 11 – Seasons of Celebration – Discussion of Chet Miller and Patty Coombs playing Santa and Mrs. Claus. Task sheet discussed and further discussion of tasks to complete will be at our November 2018 meeting. Lynn Woods left meeting at 7:15pm.

Agenda Item 12 – Next meeting of the Public Celebrations Committee will be November 13, 2018 at 5:30pm in Room 315.

Agenda Item 13 – Motion made by Bobbie Routhier to adjourn meeting at 7:30pm. A Second was made by Patty Coombs. Motion passes 10-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly B. Lafond
Secretary