

Public Celebrations Committee Minutes - October 8, 2019

Chairman Roz Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Lorraine Devaney, Carolyn Massoni, Colin Benard, Nancy Miller, Barbara Routhier, Kim Pisani Barbara Kapi, Linda Woods, Ruth Palmer, and Roz Gallagher.

Absent members were Erin Maghery, Larry Russo, Joan Ives-Parisi, Dawn Lindauer, Holly Lafond, Patty Combs, Michelle Bjorkman, Jane Rizzo, and Ray Ross.

A motion was made by Barbara Kapi and a second given by Lorraine Devaney to accept the Minutes of the September meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Joan Parisi-Ives was absent. Therefore a Treasurer's report was not given.

Ruth Palmer gave an update of the service planned for Veteran's Day. It will be held at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2019 at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School.

Roz Gallagher reminded the Committee that all receipts for Halloween and Seasons of Celebrations expenses advanced by Committee members should be given to her for reimbursement. Invoices for payment to vendors the day of Seasons of Celebrations must be given to Roz no later than November 22, 2019 in order for the checks to be issued.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Halloween event on October 25, 2019. It will be held in front of the Town Hall and on the Parade Grounds beginning at 6:45 p.m. A review of the Task Sheet took place. Time for Committee members to be at the Town Hall that night was set for 5:00 p.m. Assignments were given to Committee members for a variety of work that has to be done. Roz confirmed that she has been in regular contact with Michelle Bjorkman at Park and Rec for the things usually taken care of by the Department.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding Seasons of Celebration which will be held Saturday, December 7, 2019 in front of the Town Hall and on the Parade Grounds. The time schedule 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. will include visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, horse and carriage rides, the Roaming Railroad, Petting Zoo, ice carving, roasted chestnuts, hot chocolate, cookies, greeting cards for the servicemen, holiday music, Frosty and Rudolph, football and basketball blow ups, and a magician. The Frosty Parade will leave the Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. and walk to Johanna Manfreda Fishbein Park for the Tree Lighting. Following entertainment by the Wallingford Chorus, Judyth Fucci Park School of Dancers, and the Reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas by Mayor Dickinson the Tree Lighting will take

place at approximately 5:45 p.m.. Glow sticks will be handed out to the children at JMF Park. Roz will work on having Mary Poppins and Bert there again this year for photo ops.

The Holiday Tree will be an artificial one and has been donated to the Town by the contributions of 7 local families contacted by Roz Gallagher and Liz Landow.

Riuth Palmer and Colin Benard will hang the felt on the cork boards in the front foyer of the Town Hall the evening of Monday, December 2, 2019. The Committee will decorate the front foyer on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Take Down date was set for January 6, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Linda Woods reported that she spoke with Jane Haffner and Lyman Hall High School and has arranged for a group of choral students to join the Frosty Parade,. They will walk with the Parade and lead the group in singing holiday music.

Roz Gallagher reported the resignation from the Committee by Lisa Chuba.

Because of Election Day the next meeting date was rescheduled from November 5, 2019 to November 12, 2019 in Room 205 of the Town Hall.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Roz Gallagher