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PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Room 205, Town Hall

October 14, 2025

Attending: Liz Landow, Barbara Kapi, Ruth Palmer, Mykill Germond, Megan Foggitt, Roz Gallagher, Jackee MacNamee

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Halloween Event: A list of duties and responsibilities are as follows:

Whitney reports that she has the rubber mats from White Way laundry are all set. Sean Keogh from Park & Rec will be available for setting up, but will not be there for that evening. Larry Russo will also be out of town also that evening, but has left a floor plan for us to follow. Roz asked that the members be in front of the Town Hall at 3 p.m. Colin Benard will set up the tents, and take care of breaking them down at the end of the event. Sean has arranged for volunteers to help us. Ten bags of movie theater popcorn have been ordered from Holiday Cinema. Mykill will pick up the bags on 10/24, between 2-3 p.m. We're not sure if an invoice has been prepared. If not Roz will use her credit card to finalize the purchase. Braumont's have agreed to donate corn stalks for decorations, with Geremia's supplying 30 pumpkins to be carved. The Park & Rec Dept. will take possession of the pumpkins on Wednesday, the 22nd, bringing the carved gourds the afternoon of the 24th. We may have to borrow tables from the Elks Club, and Park & Rec may supply a couple of rectangular tables. Colin Benard will supply popcorn bags. The photo booth may need more space than we had planned, to be dealt with that night. Public Works will be contacted to make sure we have enough power off of the night lights. Barbara Kapi will pick up the cotton candy set ups from A to Z rental place, with the games also coming from them. Additional items needed are twine, zip ties and stakes to secure the blow ups. Decorations for the shrubs near the Post Office are needed.

Seasons of Celebration: Mayor Cervoni will be contacted to see if he will repeat his visit as Santa down at the gazebo. Likewise Mayor Dickinson might read the "Twas the Night," as he has done for so many years. Community theater, under the tutelage of MaryEllen Eckles will supply characters once again. Rotary kids have been lined up. Choatr is donating the hot chocolate. Once again Krafty Kakes will make the cookies for us, with the order going in after Nov. 1st. Nancy Miller, from MacDonald's will be contacted for hot cups and lids. Johnny Roz is all set for the event. A petting zoo is questionable at this time, however Jackee will contact the P.N.A to find out where they got llamas for one of their events. The Wlfd. Academy of Dance is on board, per Jackee. Larry Russo will take care of electricity for the day. The ice caever and roasted chestnuts concerns are also lined up. The Riding Railroad has been confirmed. Lyman Hall students are lined up for cookie decorating, with sugar cookies replacing gingerbread from last year. The posters should on display by the first week of November. The horse & carriage ride is all set. Invoices must be in by November 18th. Roz is lining up elves. Jackee mentioned that a relative of hers is closing the business called "Splat" and may donate art supplies. Roz mentioned that a great event is going to occur in Wallingford on December 9th. Wreaths across America has chosen our town to stop on the way to Arlington Cemetery. Three flatbed trucks loaded with wreaths from Maine will come into town, with a ceremony being held in front of our Town Hall. She thought we might like to be there at 1 p.m. for this once in a lifetime event, making sure every tombstone at Arlington is decorated for the holidays.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Kapi