

PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING Feb. 9, 2026

Town Hall—Room 205

Attending: Roz Gallagher Cheryl DiGenova Barbara Kapi Jackee MacNamee  
Megan Foggitt Mykell Germond

Chairman Roz Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

There was no treasurer's report at this time.

The purpose of this meeting is to review our events that were held in Oct. and December of 2025, namely Halloween and Seasons of Celebration.

Halloween: The discussion brought up the following points. We ran out of donuts, even though we ordered 1200 pieces. The cotton candy booths needed more cones next year, but the quantity of candy floss should remain the same. Members voices a need for more supplies such as tape, twine and scissors for next year. Possible tool kits being made available for the events. The parade from the Elm Street YMCA should be announced earlier and more often by the staff, with a megaphone. The members who were in charge of the parade would like some form of a garment, such as reflective vests, to make the kids aware of their presence. The volunteers from MaryAnn Eckles group did not perform uptown as hoped. More tablecloths from Oriental Express will be ordered for future events.

Seasons of Celebration: Stickers that were handouts to the kids at the Railroad ride, ran out. Johnny Roz's DJ should announce and thank all of the volunteers, committee members, Wlfd. Depts. Sooner and more often during the event. Some type of stantions or cones are needed at the end of the line for the railroad ride, for better control. The sugar cookies for decorating could be smaller in size, with some type of goodie bag for the children to take home. Over 500 elves from the shelf were given away, with the elf naming game being a great success. We decided to come up with a system to better utilize our highschool volunteers next year.

Roz brought up a meeting she had with the Mayor, Sean Keogh of Park & Rec, and Liz Davis from Wlfd. Center to explore the idea of having the Stroll and Seasons on the same day, Saturday instead of two separate events. The Stroll is usually held on the first Friday of December, followed on Saturday by the Seasons get together. The Seasons event would end about 4:30, followed by the Stroll, with one tree lighting of two. A discussion followed with the pros and cons being aired.

Cheryl DiGenova made a motion as follows: That we continue with a Friday night Stroll and a Saturday set aside for Seasons, with a tree lighting occurring on both nights.

A unanimous vote of aye was recorded.

Roz adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Next meeting Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>. Respectfully submitted by sec. B.Kapi