

PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

July 20, 2026

Room 315 TOWN HALL

Attending: Roz Gallagher Larry Russo Erin Benham Barbara Kapi Brenda Shuler Debbie Reynolds Liz Landow

Chairman Roz Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

A small correction was noted. Erin Benham's e-mail addresses uses a lower case e, not as printed before. Debbie Reynolds now uses Yahoo as her contact site. B. Kapi is at Barbara_kapi @ comcast. Net.

Treasurers's Report: Larry Russo announced that our budget for 7/1/ 2026 to 6/30/ 2027 has been approved by the Town Council at \$32, 215, with an additional \$2,00 coming from the Probate budget. Our expenditures are as follows:

9/11-----no monies to be spent

10/23----\$7,750 with \$7,269.71 actually spent

11/11-----\$552.40 used, while budgeted for \$500 even

12/5-----\$18,840 allocated, \$16,863.98 spent

1/15-----no expenditure fore MLK Day, with \$300 in reserve

5/31-----\$2,877.82 spent for Memorial Day events

Pop-up tents were ordered at a cost of \$568.01, for 5 tents

Our total expenditures were \$28, 949.06, subtracted from a budget of \$34, 215, leaving us with a surplus of \$5,264 to be returned to the town coffers. Our projected costs for the upcoming fiscal year is approximately \$32, 745. Larry will provided the membership with a more comprehensive accounting.

A list of tasks for the year's events was passed out to the attendees, followed by a general discussion of what we are responsible for, with a call for finding volunteers, such as husbands, grandchildren etc. for the two biggest events, Halloween on October 23rd, and Seasons of Celebration on December 5th. Students will receive hours toward graduation for their work. Roz also asked that the members be on the lookout for new ideas, new decorations etc. that might be appropriate for our functions.

Next meeting will take place August 17th, meeting ended at 6: 25 p.m. Respectfully submitted by B. Kapi, secretary.