

Town of Wallingford ♦ Connecticut Jubilee Parade Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2021; 6:30 PM East Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department, Kondracki Lane

Call to order:

Parade Committee chair Jonathan Judd called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Attendees:

Jonathan Judd, Bobbie Dise, Dawn Tatro, Cathy Granucci, Lisa Powers, Jim Seichter, Tim Clark, Rajan Doering

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Minutes from June 16, 2021:

Motion: Cathy Granucci; Seconded: Jim Seichter; Motion: Approved

Discussion Items:

1. Chair Report: Jonathan mentioned that we are in a slow period, not much activity has been happening over the summer, he had to cancel the July meeting due to a last-minute family matter.

Today is August 18th, ten months from now is June 18th.

We are slowly but surely getting many acts to commit, and floats are coming in. Trail of Terror is back for 2022.

Most of the local civic and business units have not yet been proactively approached, that will happen this autumn.

The following areas could use additional folks to help: 1) Pre-parade entertainment, 2) Website, 3) Recruiting Parade day volunteers, 4) Contacting Local Civic organizations, 5) Food trucks (possibly).

- **2. Financial Director:** Jonathan noted that parade is on budget, some items have not yet been costed.
- **3. Volunteer Directors:** Greg and Sharon Whitehouse were not in attendance, but mentioned they now have the Volunteers Gmail up and running. Many parade day volunteers are needed, the exact number depends on the Parade Route and logistics plan.
- **4. Jubilee Committee:** Marty Mansfield was not present so no report was given. Signage to be designed and coordinated through the 350 Jubilee week organizers.
- 5. Logistics Director: Bill Celata not present so no report was given.

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- **6. Float Directors:** Jonathan shared a few sample parade float checklist for Parade Day; this could be used during the 2022 Float Workshops and sent to the units ahead of parade day so they are aware of what we will be inspecting.
- **7. Fife and Drum:** Dawn Tatro noted that the F & D units have been very active and most will appear in our parade. We will designate the LHHS soccer field as the post-parade muster area.
- 8. Food Trucks: We have a tentative Director who will become involved in November.
- **9. Entertainment:** Johnny Rozz was not present, but Jonathan spoke with him and will develop a parade-day plan. Some initial ideas are likely to be modified (emcee / announcer), or combined (pre-parade bands) or discarded (rooftop speakers, some flash-mobs, etc).
- **10.Security:** Lt. Anthony DeMaio was not present so no report was given.
- **11.Website:** Trying to get a person to assist with this role.

Public Comment: None

Round Table: None

Next Parade Committee Meeting:

September 15, 2021 East Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn at 7:11 PM was made. **Motion:** Jim Seichter; **Second**; Cathy Granucci; **Motion:** Passed

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bobbie Dise, Secretary

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