

Minutes of April 26, 2023
Wallingford Day Recreation Subcommittee Meeting
Wallingford Town Hall

PRESENT: Maria French, Jane Duda, Monica DeLorme, Michael Luzader, Barbara Kaminski

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. A brief discussion ensued regarding the new meeting guidelines arising from the committee's new status as a subcommittee of Recreation.
2. Clarification of committee members: The committee consists of Maria French, Jane Duda, Monica DeLorme, Michael Luzader, and Barbara Boucher. There was brief discussion about correcting the information presented to the Selectboard. J. Duda will inform Sandi Switzer.
3. Nominate and Elect Chair and Vice Chair: Brief discussion was held, with M. French appointed Chair and J. Duda vice chair, by consensus.
4. Communications: J. Duda discussed the timeline for making the proposed lawn signs to mark Wallingford Day events and as general "booster" signage for the day. She will put an announcement in Front Porch Forum (FPF) asking for donations of wood to make signs. A discussion regarding hanging a banner over the road ensued. It was agreed J. Duda would attend an upcoming Selectboard meeting to request permission for this year; there is plenty of time to get necessary permitting and ask for assistance from the Fire Department, as well as order an additional sign, as needed.
5. Music: M. Luzader provided a recap of several musical groups who have committed to perform, including The Plumb Bobs, DJ Brett Mhyre, and a group that will lead a contra dance, among others. He noted that none of them requires any payment in advance, and all are willing to perform at a rain date but only if they are available at that time (they will not hold two dates). He also stated that library has committed to cover \$400 of musician fees for the event.
6. Food: M. DeLorme confirmed that Sustainable Eats' food truck will return this year, along with Hot Toddy's. Both trucks will be located farther from the corner than last year, for improved safety and visibility for walkers and drivers. There was discussion regarding making sure the local eateries were well informed about the day's timeline and encouraged to participate to a greater degree so as to take advantage of the larger crowds.
7. Activities: The committee discussed the numerous activities that were in the works, which will be promoted in the coming weeks. It was noted that other groups in town will continue to be encouraged to participate in the day's events. B. Kaminsky is reaching out to the churches, and has been writing about events in the Newsletter. She has again committed to a sizeable donation toward the fireworks, for which the committee expressed gratitude. It was agreed committee members would make announcements and requests on FPF over the coming weeks.
8. Other Business: There was brief discussion regarding the budget and state of finances, which were deemed sufficient for this year's events, as well as some discussion about the location/timing of various related and peripheral events, such as the scavenger hunt hosted by the Sparkle Barn, potential Boiler/Mint event for kids, and the silent auction fundraiser for the town newsletter.
9. The next meeting of the Wallingford Day committee was scheduled for Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Duda

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