

Wallingford Day Meeting, 16 January, 2024

Present: Maria French, Clare Bornarth, Michael Luzader, Michelle Kenny, Monica DeLorme

Meeting called to order 6:32pm

Michael: Considering the wintery conditions, can we have Zoom available either here at Town Hall or at the Klock room for accessibility and engagement. We will look into that for next meeting.

**Public Comments:** Michelle Kenny announced it is The Block's 200<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this year. She would like to call a "Block Party" on School Street and Depot St for activities and food trucks from 1pm-5pm, for music, vendors, ect.

Clare wants to consider detour signs like they do for the parades.

Michael suggested contacting Brian Hill, referencing the shout out from the Governor about the value of Wallingford Day,

Maria suggested considering the residents of the impacted areas of increased traffic for a "Thank You gas/local vendor gift card."

Maria will ask Michelle to contact Brian Hill about the school parking lot for Block Party related food trucks and activities. Maria will be cc'd on the email.

### **Review & Recommendations from WD '23**

Clare spoke with the director of The Mint to coordinate a project/activity for children this year.

Michael says the library might be able to fund some of the cost of this activity. He will check into this.

The DJ, Brett Myher, has performed prior to the fireworks for three years in a row, and he gives us a good deal. Will Baker, a local musician, would like a country stage. Michael will talk to Michelle about using her space for a stage. Michael will be in touch with Michelle about coordinating The Block musicians and the Wallingford Day musicians.

### **To Do:**

Contact the crafters & vendors from the first year to participate in the school parking lot activities.

Food at the rec field: pizza and Mamma Tamaras

Breakfast hours/yard sale hours to The Cafe and The Bakery.

Michelle will contact the Historical Society about The Block's 200<sup>th</sup>.

Get a schedule from Michelle about her bands and events.

Monica will talk to Jordan Jankus about Green Mountain Neighbors.

### **The Budget & Fundraising**

We have 2766.41 to spend by June 30<sup>th</sup>

After July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have \$1,750 available.

\$4,516.41 available to us for Wallingford Day this year.

Maria proposes the next meeting be mostly about fundraising options.

### **To Do in January**

Monica will contact pizza trucks

Monica will ask Jane to contact the Historical Society re: the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Block and if they would like add to it.

Maria will give the 2019 list of vendors to Michelle to see if she is interested in coordinating their participation at the school parking lot for The Block Party.

Michael will contact Brett re: music

Monica will ask Barb if she will be interested in continuing the Memorial Fireworks.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned 7:33pm