

Meeting minutes

WALLINGFORD DAY

Date:

07/23/26

Time:

Scheduled: 5:30P
Actual Start 5:34P

Facilitator:

Heather Johnson

In attendance (Alph order)

Naomi Bombardi-Wilson, Olivia
Boroughs, Todd Galiano,
Heather Johnson, Michael Luzader,
Sierra Stocker

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the 7/13 meeting
were approved

Minutes transcribed this meeting by:
Naomi Bombardi-Wilson

Board

Heather Johnson, Chairwoman

Sierra Stocker, Co-Chair

Michael Luzder, Music & Events

Todd Galiano, Fireworks & Events

Olivia Burroughs, Line Dancing & Events

Naomi Bombardi-Wison – Secretary, Food & Events

Advisory committee

Erika Berner, Liaison Town Hall & Permitting

BUDGET

See New Business

NEW BUSINESS

POST WALLINGFORD DAY NOTES

Fireworks invoice came in at \$6500

There was no discussion that the price would be raised

We need to dispute it

Band – love the band, having them on later would be better

We should fundraise more so that we're more comfortable with getting artists at rates of \$800 – 1500

Next year DJ – should be from beginning to band and from end of band until fireworks

Handicap bathrooms – porta potty

Hubbards ?

Not enough TP or handsanitizer supplied so be sure to have more next year

Look at other vendors for next year

Parking / Shuttles - Wallingford Elementary, Dollar Store, True Temper, Sparkle on the Rocks parking spots

Olivia's dad to do the shuttle

Haywagons

Auction off VIP parking spaces

Voucher for vendors as part of incentive to lower their cost

Magician – we want him back next year and to do more - to have bubble stuff, balloon animals, etc.

Bouncy House co – Todd has interested party to buy the company, if not has other ideas since the bouncy house we used this year will no longer be in business in VT

Need entrance tent – to lock off entrance, enable us to get head count, take care of bouncy house wrist bands and insurance before they even get in

Need QR code for waiver IF we are taking over bouncy houses. Otherwise, the companies QR code should suffice and in fact our waiver NEGATES and vice versa their waiver. It's a legal quandry we need to address with VTLC and Selectboard

Schedule clearer – bigger fonts – larger donor logos etc

Distribute sooner

Sponsors secured and all large funding in by JUNE 1st

Fundraising start: September

Letters

Annual donor – donate now be advertised all year (bingo once a month, upcoming harvest fest, etc)

NOT ONE PERSON THANKED THE COMMITTEE. WHY?

People in Wallingford have complained about donating, etc. because “our taxes pay for it” They believe that they’ve already paid for it so they don’t need to thank anyone. Lets make it clear that .0002percent (get actual percentage) of their dollars go to the celebration (again, need to address with Selectboard, we should be getting at least the cost of fireworks {The Laurence Kaminski fund may not be forever} and that we need their help to make it the event they really want.

Meet the committee posts

Meet the vendor posts

Meet the sponsors posts

Posts need to start NOW

Paint & Sip – Moms night out – Painting new Signs for Wallingford Day. All of ours are kaput

What we need from officer more like 2025. Clearer instructions for officers. We liked Joe from 2025. Prefer not to have Greg Rickets back. Justin Cram other officer.

Start looking for volunteers NOW for next year

Social Media – Olivia to take over

Facebook & Instagram account info to go to Olivia

Blast donors on socials

ALWAYS have an Official rain date

Brownie – Jamerican – sold out – was super psyched. Def. wants to return.

Fundraisers

Fire Dept – going to make space available for basket raffle or whatever

Fall Festival –

Oct 4th weekend – Hocus Pocus screening – come alive outside have rights?

Winslow Farm pumpkin donations, paint your own pumpkin, face painting, pony rides, toms orchard, champlaign orchard etc. Cider or micro brew vendors?

2P

Movie @ 6p

Donations

50/50

LaValley to donate supplies for signs? pallets for free

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:31P

