

Minutes
Seymour Parade Committee
Special Meeting
October 18, 2018 7pm

Members present- Alex Danka, Fred Stanek, Karen Stanek, John Stelma, Lucy McConologue, Robert Lang

Members absent- Preet Singh, Beverly Kennedy

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Approval of Minutes- Motion was made to approve the minutes from the September meeting by Karen Stanek and seconded by Lucy McConologue.

Public Comment-none

Open Forum-All members on both committees (Memorial Day Parade and Christmas Parade) will be on the new Seymour Parade Committee after the next Selectman's meeting.

-175th anniversary-after Christmas Parade will decide on appropriations so that we can recommend amount to be put aside each year to cover all activities related to this event.

-Alex recommended that all committee members write down ideas on what to do, see for the 24 days that this event will occur which ends on June 24th the actual anniversary date.

Examples of ideas are open houses at organizations and public buildings. There will possibly be a Selectman's ball and parade on the anniversary date.

Question was posed as to who would pay for police coverage as it is a town event it would be covered by the town.

-2019 Memorial Day Parade will feature a new addition- a Herbie the Love Bug car to commemorate the 50th anniversary.

-2018 Christmas Parade Chairman normally hands out the trophies. As the present chairman will be out of town, Lucy will be on the stand. Business Parade Award will stay with the original selection of Melissa Smith. Clarification was made that the selection of Frank and Ann Conroy was for the Community Service Award not the Grand Marshall. Grand Marshall was previously selected to be former police chief Metzler.

Ribbons will be given out for various categories and trophies for the Sponheimer Award, Mackenstein Award, and LoPresti Award. Judges will be the same as last year.

Signage for the parade will go up after Election Day with correct dates on signs and banners. New ideas were submitted to include high school student to play the part of elves in the parade. Also looking into a group to perform near the reviewing stand before the start of the parade. Additional ideas are for Kris Farm horses, pets and owners to dress up for the parade and be in the line of march. Wells Fargo stagecoach was mentioned by the price at this time was too high.

-Suggestion was made to apply to the Matthies Foundation for a replacement for the current reviewing stand which can be used for both parades and other events as well. Past grant request will be resubmitted by putting request on a Board of Selectman agenda. Karen Stanek to bring up request to have the Hurricanes march in the Christmas Parade as they do for the Memorial Day Parade.

-Superintendent of Schools to march/ride in the parade with the teacher of the year. Will also look into having students dress up to be a part of that unit.

- Master of Ceremonies will be Mr. Coppola. Fred volunteered as well and will act as backup.
- To date there has been a response from 5 bands, 3 Pyramid units, and one girl scout unit.
- Lucy will obtain a list of the volunteers

The meetings for the next month have been changed. The normally schedule meeting on November 8th will be cancelled and replaced by two special meetings on the 1st of November and on the 15th of November. Both special meetings will be held at 7 pm on those dates at the Seymour Community Center 29 Pine Street. Next meeting we will be compiling the meeting dates, times, and locations for the next year (2019). Once the two committees are combined we will also elect a new slate of officers. Second additional meeting will include the planning of the line of march for this years Christmas Parade.

Motion was made for the meeting to be adjourned by Karen Stanek. It was seconded by Lucy McConologue.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stelma