

375<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting  
10/23/08

The committee was updated that the town has instituted a spending freeze and has frozen \$15,000 of our budget. Purchases or requests need to go through the Town Manager's office for final approval.

Paul Courchaine updated the group on the parade. Marching units generally charge between \$800 and \$1200. He is looking for about 10 units. A motion was made by Chris Traczyk to allow Paul Courchaine to contract with bands for up to \$8000 for the parade on September 26, 2009. Second by Laurel Goodgion. Approved unanimously.

Discussion started about the need for sponsors. Sponsors could be mentioned on posters, or the web. Can the Chamber of Commerce mailing list be used to request sponsors? If we decide to do a fireworks display, we should ask for donations and ask the town to spray for mosquitoes.

A representative of the Foote family will attend the next meeting too see if they can tie in any part of their family reunion in August of 2009.

There was discussion that the First Church in Old Wethersfield may be doing their fair again possibly in September of 09; looking to finalize that date. If the same day as the craft fair, ask Tourism for the trolley for shuttles in Old Wethersfield, particularly between the two venues, and along Main Street for the scarecrows and shops.

Dates for 2008 are:

- November 20, 2008 (third TH due to Thanksgiving)
- December 18, 2008 (third TH due to Christmas)
- January 22, 2009
- February 26, 2009
- March 26, 2009
- April 23, 2009
- May 28, 2009