

Meeting opened at 5:38pm

Present: Mary Thibeault, Kathy Bagley, Martin Walsh, Harry Lichtenbaum, Paul Courchaine, Melissa Josefiak, Chris Traczyk, Anne Kuckro, Marilyn Ferhenbach.

Public present: Barbara Distin, Joe Distin, Phil Mikan.

Public Comment:

Phil Mikan of WDRC radio who has a daily afternoon show as well as a Saturday show from 10am-noon, offered to publicize anniversary events of his show. He has done a series of shows on the Webb House and is planning to become more involved. He is reachable at philmikan@talkofconnecticut.com.

Barbara Distin Was interested in doing a ball as an event and will pursue that possibility.

Budget #3 was passed out and explained by Kathy Bagley. The proposed budget items had been discussed at the last meeting.

Parade Update:

Paul Courchaine said invitations have gone out to towns, groups marching units and dignitaries. A second reviewing stand will be used (from West Hartford). The reviewing stand is proposed to be at Hart Seed Co. Councilor Matt Forrest is planning to emcee. Parade committee member, Mike Rell, will organize the float for Wethersfield's past mayors. A reception is being planned for after the parade for dignitaries and volunteers. The rain date for the parade is the following Sunday, October 4th.

Fireworks:

The date for the fireworks is definitely August 22nd with a rain date of August 29. We have received okays from the CT DEP, ZBA (for a special event), and will be pursuing permits with the state fire Marshall Office as details come in from the vendor that is chosen. Bids were due 6/25/09, and will be reviewed by the fireworks committee. The committee thanked Kathy for all her efforts and work to put this together.

Chris Traczyk requested information regarding the need for volunteers. Kathy will coordinate with her as the event needs become clear.

Pre Fireworks concert:

The committee would like to look into renting a dance floor for in front of the showmobile. Chris Traczyk knows someone who does this and will ask. It was requested that the town provide a PA system for recorded music between the time the band is on and the fireworks display. Power needs for the band need to be identified. It was asked that the band contact Kathy directly for their technical needs. Harry was asked to get a contract set with the band and to have that submitted to Kathy.

Melissa Josefiak distributed a flyer about Keeney History Day on July 25th from 10am-4pm with Sheldon's Horse Second Continental Light Dragoons. There will be several free fun family activities and demonstrations at the Keeney Center grounds.

The revised events flyer was reviewed and it was requested that the Historical Society concert series, the Keeney History Day and rain date be added. June 30 will be the last day to add info or make changes before printing.

The committee decided with all the pending event information, to add a second meeting in July on July 16th at 5:30 pm.

Chris Traczyk stated that Tourism has enough money left to offer one more day for the Horse and buggy. The committee suggested that a day during the Scarecrows on Main be chosen.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:27pm by Chris Traczyk and seconded by Anne Kuckro, passed unanimously.