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# TOWN OF HATFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

## Celebration Committee Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** Thursday, January 11, 2024

**TIME:** 6:00PM

**LOCATION:** MEMORIAL TOWN HALL

### Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Diane Barstow, Kristy Dyer, Anna Holhut, Tim Paciorek

**1. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.**

**2. Community Forum.**

A. Guest: Robert Betsold

- a. Luminarium: Robert Betsold shared his feedback that the activities at the Town Hall went well, although there is opportunity for improvement with the singing (ideas: distribute printed lyrics, project lyrics on a screen). The church event was well attended. There were some technical issues with the fireworks which caused the delay. For 2024 (Saturday, December 21), there is interest in having a float parade. The 25 boxes of luminaries are in storage at the Town Hall. Candles need to be purchased, and volunteers recruited to set up the park, Town Hall, and the South Common. The banner on the Town Hall can be reused.

**3. Approval of minutes.**

- A. The committee approved the minutes from the December 4, 2023 meeting. Tim Paciorek made the motion. Diane Barstow seconded the motion. All committee members voted unanimously in favor.

**4. Bills and Communications**

A. The following bills and checks have been received:

- a. \$280 invoice for the Hatfield Fire Department for fireworks detail
- b. \$341.56 invoice for printing of the luminarium signs
- c. \$50 (2 - \$25 checks) for the sale of two 350<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Books

- B. Diane Barstow made the motion to approve the expenses. Kristy Dyer seconded the motion. All committee members voted unanimously in favor.

**5. Business.**

A. Luminarium

a. Fireworks

- i. The delay was caused by technical issues. A total of nine (9) fireworks did not explode. Anna Holhut will follow up with

Central Maine Pyrotechnics to discuss and reserve the date for 2024 (Saturday, December 21).

- ii. A few negative comments with concerns for animals were received via Facebook. No further action/response is necessary.
- iii. Anna Holhut will send Chief Flaherty an email regarding 2024.

**B. Park Concerts**

- a. 2024 Dates (third Friday of the month):
  - i. May 17
  - ii. June 21
  - iii. July 19
  - iv. August 16
  - v. September 20
- b. Kristy Dyer will contact two potential bands – AfterGlo and the Stillwater Band – to see what dates they are available and their prices. Kathleen Wyckoff has a band that is also interested. Upon booking, bands need to submit a W-9 and an invoice.
- c. Anna Holhut will research the Cultural Council grant to sponsor one of the concerts.
- d. Anna Holhut will contact Billy Korza regarding the Lions Club Pavilion.
- a. Diane Barstow and Kathleen Wyckoff will continue contacting food vendors. Tim Paciorek will check with Cantina Mexican Grill, the new restaurant in Hatfield.

**C. Fund Raising**

- a. Sponsors
  - i. Tim Paciorek will finalize the first batch of banners. Pacific Printing needs a banner (value \$250). Anna Holhut will deliver the banners to Phil Genovese at the DPW with a diagram of where to place them.
  - ii. The committee will discuss sponsorship at the February meeting, including promotion on social media.

**D. Social Media/Promotion**

- a. Diane Barstow is continuing to monitor the email account. There is minimal activity.
- b. Kristy Dyer will post the Park Concert dates.

**6. Unfinished Business**

- A. Welcome to Hatfield sign: The committee will re-initiate the conversation.

**7. Unanticipated New Business.**

- A. Anna Holhut's term ends in June 2024. She announced that she is not renewing her appointment. The committee will discuss member recruitment at a future meeting.

**8. Next Meeting: TBD**

- 9. Meeting Adjourned** at 6:44 PM. The motion was made by Tim Paciorek and seconded by Diane Barstow.

**Minutes approved by the committee on February 29, 2024.**

**Respectfully submitted to the Town of Hatfield by:**

*Diane M. Barstow*

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**03/25/2024**

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**Date**