

Metuchen Parade Commission
August 15, 2023, 7:15 PM
Borough Hall, room 225

Minutes

Attendees: Maggy Cook, Rob Geigerich, Dan Granato, Bernie Hertzell, Lisa Hyman, Denis Kane and Ellen Regan

June 2023 Minutes were approved with no changes.

Winter Festival Parade

- Will take place on Sunday, November 26 starting 4pm, ending with the tree lighting ceremony at The Plaza. The theme will be Making Spirits Bright.
- Menorah Lighting will take place on the first night of Hannukah

Parade Route

- Suggested to revert back to the old parade route that starts on Brunswick Ave, proceeds down Main Street and ends at The Plaza
 - Lisa shared with the Mayor and Council at a recent meeting and is awaiting final approval
- Both the Edgar and pool parking lots will be needed for staging; Brunswick Ave will need to be closed.
- Suggested to stage the police at Brunswick and Main, the MHS band in the loop in front of Edgar and then the Mayor and council to follow. All remaining marchers will be staged in the parking lot

Sleigh

- Lisa will consult with Melissa on how one can be purchased.
- Rob will research possibilities and share with the committee for a decision
- Need to determine if the sleigh will be in the parade or staged at The Plaza for pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus
 - Dan confirmed DCR can provide a flatbed truck to carry the sleigh if needed
 - All decorations would need to be replaced
 - Alternatively, could secure a horse and carriage to transport Santa and Mrs. Claus in the parade

Action Items

- Rob to provide sleigh options to the committee
- Ellen to contact Santa and Mrs. Claus to reserve the date
- Ellen to send a Save the Date to the registration list
- Maggie to contact Presbyterian about having their bell group participate
- Maggie to reach out to her Plays in the Park contact to see if they could lend a prop piece for the Santa and Mrs. Claus pictures
- Ellen to ask Dawn at MDA about Winter Marketplace plans, see if extending it to Sunday is a possibility.

Important Note: Next meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, 9/12 at 7:15pm.