

Meeting Minutes
Seymour Parade / Events Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Seymour Public Library
46 Church Street
Seymour CT 06483

Members present – Danielle Cappozziello, Stephanie Danka, Alyssa Antonucci-Avenia, Harvey Catlin, Alex Danka, Jill Demko, Manpreet Sachdeva, Yolanda Bellinger, Paula Chapla

Members not present – Alyssa Dematteo, Robin Shaw

Meeting - called to order at 6:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Memorial Day Parade – Discussion

- Veterans were not happy
- Harvey commented that interest seems to be dropping off
- Alyssa 3 – referred to minutes of July 4th – why weren't there fireworks

Discussion took place regarding the above.

Memorial Day Parade date to be Sunday, May 24th 2026. Extra \$ to go 250th celebration.

Motion made by Paula, seconded by Jill. Passed unanimously.

4th of July – Discussion

Focus was what day to have a celebration (fireworks) to celebrate the 4th and the 250th. Should they be on Friday, July 3rd or Thursday, July 2nd? Chatfield Park or Seymour High school? There will be multiple events taking place in the Naugatuck Vally over that weekend.

Motion to have the fireworks on Thursday, July 2nd at Seymour High School made by Paula, seconded by Harvey. Passed unanimously. Alex will begin working to get sponsors, and the team will explore what to give out as take-aways.

Halloween Events – Discussion

- John XXXXX - from Connecticut Basements is interested in having a commercial decoration category. TBD.
- Entries will begin on Monday, September 21, 2026 and continue until Friday, October 16, 2026.
- Judging will take place October 17-18, and October 24-25. Winner will be announced on Tuesday, October 27, 2026.
- Need to determine prize amounts \$200/\$100/???
- Need to post criteria regarding participation and previous winners.
- Judging – Town Judging, Facebook, etc. still TBD.

Christmas Events – Discussion

Lights

- Entries will begin on Friday, November 13, 2026 through November 25, 2026.
- Judging will take place on December 5-6, and December 12-13. Winner will be announced on Friday, December 18, 2026.

- Need to determine prize amounts \$200/\$100/???
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Parade

- Will be held on Friday, November 27th at 7:00 pm.
- New route and staging of participants will be further explained at the January meeting by the Chief of Police.
- **Polar Express** – Movie will be held at 5:00 at Chatfield Lopresti.
- There will be a Polar Express Float – lottery to see who will provide the truck/flatbed for parents and children to ride in the parade from the school.

NOTE: this is as far as I took notes as I had to leave at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Chapla for Robin Shaw