

Minutes
Seymour Parade/Events Committee
Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2026 @6:00 PM
Seymour Public Library
46 Church Street
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

Members Present: Paula Chapla, Robin Shaw, Harvey Catlin, Alex Danka, Yolanda Bellinger. Jill Demko, Preet Sachdeva

Members not present: Danielle Capozziello, Alyssa Dematteo, Alyssa Antonucci-Avenia, Stefanie Danka

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Alex asked that we go out of order from the agenda due to Police Department Guests. Paula made a motion and Harvey second the motion.

New Parade Route - Three representatives from the Seymour Police Department attended this meeting to discuss their ideas on a new parade route to be followed by this committee, Seymour Pink and any other future parades in town. Members present were Chief Bucherati, DC M. Fappiano and Inspector J. Matusovich.

An informational power point was presented to the group which included many safety concerns with examples. Suggestion was to have the parade start at Rose Street off Derby Avenue. Participants would line up on Derby Avenue. The Derby Avenue Route 8 exit will be closed for the duration of the parade. Parade will end at the Strand area. Harvey discussed his concerns regarding younger parade participants being picked up by parents. The suggestion was to have one location for all pick up including late pick up. Robin made a motion to accept, Paula second the motion.

The plan is to invite these same Police Department Representatives to our meeting after the Memorial Day Parade to discuss the new routes pros and cons.

Approve Meeting Minutes – Harvey motioned to approve, Preet 2nd the motion.

Memorial Day Parade – Parade will be on Sunday, May 24th at 11:00. Preet will do the invites for the participants. Jill will do the invites for the Christmas Parade. On the invite for the Memorial Day Parade Preet will include “stay tuned for a new parade route and drop off location to be announced”. Deadline will be to sign up by May 1st. Pre-ceremony will be at the Gazebo to include the laying of the wreaths. Alex will send a message to Alyssa Antonucci-Avenia to send parade information to social media. Grand Marshall candidates will be pursued. Preet will reach out to Lisa Toigo to see if she is available to sing at the parade.

250th Birthday Celebration – Still working on the date. Possibly July 2nd or July 10th. There will be a band and fireworks. More details at the next meeting. Alex would like to purchase more costumes to be used for this function and parades. The committee discussed not allowing other groups to use these costumes because some never get returned or they are returned damaged.

New Business – None

Adjourn – Yolanda 1st, Jill 2nd

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Shaw