

WELLESLEY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING --- AGENDA

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 7:30 PM Kingsbury Room, Police Station

Opening of Meeting Chairman

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Secretary's Report: Secretary- Tory DeFazio

REVIEW OF 2025 ACTIVITIES:

I. 27th WELLESLEY'S WONDERFUL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES:

A. 57th Annual Veterans' Parade Theme for 2025: "The Founding of the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marines".

1. Parade Unit Status-- Bands, Military, Novelty Acts, Animals, Schools, etc.-- Carl Nelson
a. Honorees—Grand Marshals: Madon, Bradley, Shortsleeve; Chiefs of Staff: Fleming, CDR Schaefer, Sinnott; Dist. Ser.: Olney; Ded. Ser.: Brady; Comm. Ser.: Well. Hist., Lisa Collins, NRC, (NO), John Lanza, Rec. (NO), Craig Mack (Schl) (NO); Spec. Rec.: Deland Gibson Ins. (125 yrs), Dover Saddlery (50 yrs), Café Magal (25 yrs), Greens Hardware (20 yrs) Isabel Harvey (20 yrs), Swellesley Report (20 yrs), Wellesley/Weston Mag. (20 yrs). Oldest Vet: Joe Nickerson (98) [6/26/26].

b. Convertibles, All Trucks—Steve Kehoe, Jim Bishop
c. Vehicle disposition at reviewing stand and Shuttle Buses, etc.
d. Reviewing Stand Tasks -- Chairs -- After Parade Collation (Food), Village Church
e. Fly-over (Collings), MSP helicopter – Beth Sullivan-Woods, Pete Jones, Kevin Hanron
f. Color Guards, Army, Navy, Marines Bands, etc.—Phil Rolph

2. Military Units in Parade & Morton Field - Pete Jones, Sgt. Lucasz Szablowski, USMC

3. Wellesley Weekend Schedule—MLP mailing.

4. Other New Developments Since Week of April 30th.

B. Open Houses, Other Events-- Police, Fire, DPW (Touch A Truck), MLP, COA, New Town Hall, Wonder Run (WHJWC).

C. Other activities—Car Show, Wellesley Sq., Transportation (Catch Connect?).

D. Publicity--Swellesley Report, Townsman, Patch, Globe, other local magazines and media.

1. Signs—Honorees, etc. (George Saraceno), Parade units, Sponsors, Hunnewell Field, Banners: RDF, WHJWC, Kiwanis, Lawn signs (locations), Message Boards (WPD, DPW).

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer- Carl Nelson
Finances-- Available
Chris Spagnuolo
First Finance letter
MLP Finance letter

II. HUNNEWELL FIELD

A Concert—The Reminisants, Wellesley Town Band, The Wellesley Theatre Group
B. Field Booths – Chris Shedd
C. Food
 1. Frank Sacchetti, Captain Mardens, etc.
D. Fireworks—Atlas Pyrovision (Pyrotechnico), Roche/Sudbury Farms, Needham
Bank, David Donahue
E. Rides—Perfect Parties
 1. Assistants needed to help with Rides
G. Permits
H. Other— Ponies, Balloon Twisting, Face Painting, Straw, Porta Potties, etc.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING