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Time 4:00 p.m.
Thomaston Town Clerk
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LIGHT UP THOMASTON

MINUTES OF MEETING 10/26/16

PRESENT: Maureen Wilkas, Jim Wilkas, Lindsay LeVasseur, Sarah LaVasseur, Tom LeVasseur, Camden Vadney, Heather Wing, Steve Lattimer, Jennifer Nolan, Adam Marble, Tony Troccolo, Tina Duffy, Lauren Marano

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Maureen opened the meeting by stating she had spoken to David Verdosi who confirmed he will be taking over the Opera House show this year. He also confirmed having a float in the parade for the Sunshine Band and that he will be borrowing decorations from Landmark Community Theater for his float.

Adam Marble joined the meeting to introduce his company, CoverSafe and offer some time to helping with Light Up. He mentioned having at least 4 members of his team to help with setup, and plans to have a booth at the event this year. He would like to pass out pizza slices and magnets. He also offered to have his staff decorate the Santa trailer, Misfit trailer and Starlight tent. Each of these items can also be stored in a covered area at CoverSafe's location.

Tom gave a Light report: We currently have 8 buildings left to do with ladders and 4 buildings left to do with a lift. The crew anticipates needing one more day of work to complete the lights.

The committee agreed to meet Saturday November 5 to begin setting up floats and decorating the town. We will also be meeting on Saturday November 12.

Maureen mentioned that the Elves who normally go on the Gingerbread float are "retiring" this year, so Jennifer Nolan offered her daughters and some of their friends to take over. We discussed turning the Gingerbread float into a photo opportunity once it is parked after the parade. Lindsey and Sarah offered to create a banner for the float to make it clear it's a photo op prop.

Maureen gave an update on St. Thomas Church's involvement and mentioned they will be decorating the Gazebo tree, displaying luminaries outside the church and handing out candy canes.

The committee also agreed that Project Graduation should not be allowed to fundraise or sell raffle tickets at the event as we feel it is conflict of interest and could cause turmoil with other organizations involved in the event.

Maureen has spoken with the current Police Chief who confirmed they will pull a permit to close the roads for Light Up and will also provide the no parking signs we need this year.

We discussed the need to have spaces for lines to form for people to ride the new train attraction. Jennifer volunteered to make "North Pole" and "South Pole" signs for the areas, and the Levasseur's are working on collecting cans for the cement poles to create the lines.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren Marano, Secretary