

Trumbull Day Commission  
Minutes  
February 19, 2010

Commissioners: Preston Merritt, Cindy Penkoff,

Present also: First Selectman Herbst; Dan Nelson; Deborah Cox;  
Maria Pires; Glenn Byrnes, Police Department;  
Megan Murphy, Fire Marshall; Lee Stirling and  
Amy Johnstone Westfield Shopping Park

Meeting began at 3:40 P.M.

Informational meeting with Westfield Shopping Park.

Discussion: date, location, property difficulties and cost of  
Trumbull Day.

Preston will give Westfield his budget of Trumbull Day 2009 for  
the purpose of discussion and comparison for a possible  
coordination with Westfield Shopping Center and the town.

Next meeting week of February 22, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy DeZenzo, clerk

Meeting Trumbull Day Commission  
February 23, 2010

Present: Preston Merritt, Joe Ruospo, John McBride, Dana Lonergan, Maria Pires,  
Dan Nelson, Deborah Cox, Glenn Byrnes, Megan Murphy

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Minutes of February 16, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Joe Ruospo moved to approve minutes and Dana Lonergan seconded the motion. Vote unanimous to accept minutes.

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Preston: The purpose of this meeting is to decide if the Trumbull Day Commission can Support a Trumbull Day at Westfield Shopping Center.

What will our budget be?

Do we support moving Trumbull Day?

Dana: Will we have fireworks?

Joe: What will the size of the fireworks shells be? 3" or 5"?

Give us an update on the meeting with Westfield Shopping Center concerning: expenses, shuttle buses and their willingness to work with us.

Preston: During last week's meeting with Westfield they agreed to put together a budget And I would be e-mailing them with information about our budgets from prior years.

Dana: Who precipitated Westfield joining us for Trumbull Day?

Preston: Westfield Shopping Center did approach us last year but we were in a Crunch and it wasn't possible.

Dana: Does that mean that if we do not cooperate with Westfield, Trumbull Day does Not happen?

Preston: Unless we have a financial commitment it won't happen.

Members have expressed their opinion and people feel that the tone of Trumbull Day will be lost.

I have some questions, \$18,000 in vendors and drinks that's what we did last year.

We took no money at the gate, will be looking for a donation this year.

They have made an increase in the fireworks budget to \$20,000 instead of \$10,000.

If it rains, Dan what will happen?

Dan: At some point the town would be responsible for the day.

They have a \$35,000 budget.

Preston: I have heard from other Commissioners and it would be a colossal mistake and Not well received by Trumbull residents, too large and event.

We are not serving Trumbull residents. Personally I have some issues.

Cindy left a written summary and she is dead against it.

John: My family only goes to Trumbull Shopping Park only if they have to. We won't Draw Trumbull families, more people from the outside.

Dan: I'm hearing concerns. Is this this really an economically viable option?  
We have financial difficulties as in the past.  
The recommendations will be due to financial considerations.

John: If we can not find a major vendor for fireworks it is definitely out.

Preston: I took a look at last year's figures and maybe we should get rid of the tent  
And tables and focus on Trumbull Day at Westfield or Hillcrest.  
If our focus is on the Mall then maybe we should not be going to the Mall.

Dana: We will be limited whether we go to the Mall or Hillcrest.

Dan: Our position is a financial one – they are going to start with \$35,000  
The administration is hamstrung as to whether we can put on Trumbull Day.

Joe: I understand whether from a financial or otherwise-  
My idea is to build this gradually for the Mall's benefit, call it a better image.  
This is a golden opportunity and the community feels we would like to utilize  
Westfield as a major sponsor. Would they like to do this?  
Having a successful event and not people is not what we want.  
Maybe we should cut it out from the budget.

John: Outside residents will support this event and the Trumbull residents will not  
necessarily support the Trumbull Day event.

Preston: Read the letter from Cindy Penkoff.  
I have not gone to anyone with any bias.

Dana: I make a motion that we do not have Trumbull Day at the Westfield Mall.

John: Seconded the motion

Preston: Vote was unanimous that we do not have Trumbull Day at the Mall.

Dana: Let the administration decide whether we have a Trumbull Day.

Deborah: I am here for Westfield and nothing more.

Preston: Please extend our thanks to Westfield.

Dan: I can talk to Tim about it and he and the administration will weigh all the  
options and make a decision.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy DeZenzo

Secretary