

Bonenfant, Janice

From: Brent Todd <brenttoddconcord@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 7:20 AM
To: Bonenfant, Janice
Subject: 12-14-15 agenda - New Business item 41

Hi Janice,

I received the email below as further testimony regarding a change to the Penacook Halloween trick-or-treat date. Could you please add it to the record?

Thanks,

Brent

From: Jack Shields [mailto:jack-shields@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2015 2:17 PM
To: Todd, Brent
Subject: Halloween

Hi Brent,

Nice to see you yesterday.

Thank you for speaking with us again about the date for Halloween for Penacook.

With regard to the report of the previous police chief, he states what history we already know. But he does not include the fact that the Halloween Parade, the movie night nor the supposed combined celebration with Boscawen happen anymore and, in fact, have not happened in decades. The reasons for the early celebration are gone yet we are saddled with a meaningless tradition. It is time for change.

His discussion of possible extra staffing to be able to focus on one night verses two is couched in "coulds" and "mays" as to expenses and personnel but he offers no facts, no costs. I don't think this is a good basis for judgement, he had no dog in the fight.

I don't believe that when youth organizations plan Halloween events for Concord they consider that Penacook has a different night to celebrate. Our recent Halloween Howl was a conflict this year and while it may not be a problem next year, you can see it was a problem this year. If the city did it, other organizations will too. Is that fair to Penacook kids?

Lastly, I would like to reiterate perhaps the most basic question for me: Is Penacook a true part of Concord? If the answer is yes, then I ask the Council to let us celebrate with the rest of Concord just as we do every other holiday. Please.

Thank you for your time.

Jack