

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2023

6:30 PM

Meeting called to order via zoom.

Present: John Bartlett, Jeanne Coleman, Todd Hamblin, Dan Tucker
other: Priscilla Brackett and Den Forbes

Budget Review: John reviewed Sampson Fund approval for budget as well as balance in community picnic account. John informed increases in costs of both Taunton City Band and veterans' trolley. Trolley has increased to \$850, and band is requesting \$1800.

Motion to continue sign contract with Taunton City Band with the increased price made by Jeanne and seconded by Todd. Voted 4-0-0.

John stated he would like to use continue to use the trolley this year to keep veterans covered in bad weather but to explore other options for next year. Motion to continue use of trolley with increased price made by Todd and seconded by Jeanne. Voted: 4-0-0.

There was discussion about community picnic and amount of food needed to be ordered. Committee suggested staying with the same offerings as last year. Priscilla reported Ken Moalli has offered to help place order with Sysco. Efforts need to be made to recruit volunteers to cook and serve. Paul Gallagher has agreed to arrange for grills from Plymouth Bay catering again. Todd offered the Boy Scouts to help clean up. Jeanne will reach out to the Lions Club regarding water and use of large coolers. Priscilla will contact Silver Lake for 8-10 student volunteers.

The Committee would like to reach out to the Kingston Business Community in helping to fund the community picnic again as they were very generous last year. Priscilla will draft letter committee members to sign.

John asked if there were any changes to ceremony. He agreed to MC again this year. The committee agreed to ask the band to play at least one song at the beginning of the ceremony. There was discussion of a guest speaker since we have not heard back from the National Guard yet. Den spoke about articles on the meaning of Memorial Day and TAPS. Priscilla will follow up with National Guard request.

John reviewed participants and contacts. Priscilla has confirmed band, Huey Helicopter, and WWII group. Jeanne will contact sport team and Todd will reach out to Scouts. John will invite Police and Fire. Priscilla will contact KES music group that requested participation, as well as dignitaries.

There was discussion on road closures and police details. John mentioned that Dick Arruda and Selectmen will look for ways to reduce costs of police details.

Motion was made by Todd to accept November 16, 2023 minutes as amended. Seconded by Jeanne. Voted 4-0-0.

Dan suggested we consider water stations along the parade route and during the ceremony if case of hot weather. He would like to see EMS on hand among the crowd during ceremony as well.

Next meeting scheduled for April 4, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

7:00 PM Motion to adjourn by Jeanne with second by Todd. Voted: 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Brackett
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