

# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## APRIL 4, 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:

The contract has been signed with the Taunton City Band for \$1800.

The Committee Members signed the Kingston Business Partnership letter. Priscilla will distribute to the Kingston Business Association.

Parade:

Priscilla has had contact with the Patriotic Chorus group. They would like to both march in the parade and sing at the ceremony. It could be as many as 60-70 children. They will march just ahead of the sports teams.

Jeanne has contacted Vineyard Christian Church and they are once again willing to allow parade staging in their parking lot after 9 AM.

Dan reported he walked the route and would like to see some improvement. Cleanup at all Memorials is needed. There is a collection of sediment on the Jones River Bridge. It could look a lot better. Eversource work on telephone poles are leaving large piles of dirt along the route. WWI memorial grass area needs work. An area at the beginning of Evergreen Street needs trash pickup. Dan plans to work on this area during Kingston clean-up day.

John will follow up regarding street sweeping with Paul Basler and possibly the State as well.

Priscilla will speak with the Facilities Department regarding the WWI memorial area.

Priscilla will contact the Kingston Garden Club to request Memorial cleanup and decoration be completed by the weekend prior to Memorial Day.

Dan would like to invite the businesses downtown to decorate for the parade.

Ceremony:

Dan has made initial contact with a local bag piper for the ceremony.

Priscilla reported US Army veteran has agreed to be the guest speaker at the ceremony. He will forward a bio for introduction before his speech.

Todd will find a Scout to read the Governor's proclamation.

Priscilla will invite BOS Chair to speak.

Priscilla and Den will search for veterans to read the Sea of Flags names.

Priscilla contacted Silver Lake for student volunteers.

There is a need to have tents for veterans seating not under the portico.

John will ask Chief Douglas about supplying the tower truck with flag.

Cookout:

John will follow up with Paul Gallagher and Mike LaNatra on working the grills for the cookout.

Priscilla to follow up with the MA National Guard regarding obstacle course.

Todd motioned to accept the minutes of March 14, 2023, as written. Seconded by Dan. Voted 4-0-0.

Next meeting scheduled for May 2, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

6:58 PM Motion to adjourn by Todd with second by Dan. Voted: 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Brackett  
Kingston Veterans' Services