

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2023

6:31 PM

Meeting called to order via zoom.

Present: John Bartlett, Dick Arruda, Todd Hamblin, Dan Tucker
other: Priscilla Brackett and Den Forbes

Budget:

Two bill schedules were signed by committee members, Fisher Bus for the trolley payment, and the payment for the Taunton City Band.

John will try to attend the Kingston Business Association meeting on May 9th to request support and donations. He will also speak with both fire and police associations about donations.

John spoke with the Board of Selectmen's office about payment of police details if we deplete the parade budget. They indicated they may have extra money or perhaps there is unexpended money in the Sampson Fund we could use.

Parade:

John will be speaking with the police department next week regarding road closures and details. John stated the police will decide if Hilltop Ave will be closed the morning of the parade.

Dick intends to speak with the police department about police details as well.

Cleanup of some of the memorials still has to happen. Den reported WWII would be completed on May 20th by Boy Scout Joshua Peck. Priscilla spoke with the facilities department and they will handle the WWI memorial.

Streets have been swept and Dan has continued picking up trash along the route.

Dates were established for placing flags in the two cemeteries by the Boy Scout troops.

John and Dan will continue to try to contact Verizon regarding the pole cleanup project on Main Street

Jeanne confirmed use of the Vineyard Christian Church parking lot.

There will be two cases of water at the two water stations along the parade route- Todd's house on Landing Road and the town green gazebo.

John will draft a letter to be distributed to downtown businesses asking them to decorate in support of the day.

Ceremony:

Dan has made initial contact with a local bag piper for the ceremony. The cost is \$200. Dan made a motion to hire the bag piper to play during the ceremony. Seconded By Dick. Vote: 4-0-0.

Todd has confirmed one of the McNeil brothers in Boy Scout troop 49 will read the Proclamation.

Todd will reach out to the Girl Scouts for someone to lead the Pledge.

John reported that the Star-Spangled singers will attend with 30-40 children. They will march and sing the National Anthem.

Cookout:

John confirmed Mike LaNatra will work the grills with Paul Gallagher for the cookout.

Priscilla will order food the week of May 15th through the COA.

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

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

New Business:

John will pursue pop up tents in case of extreme heat. It was suggested to have one as a cooling station off to the side.

Dick asked about the American Legion Govoni Post for possible funding. John said he would ask Post 108 regarding a donation.

John reported there was a need to have a Vice Chair for the committee. Dick nominated Dan as Vice Chair. Seconded by Todd. No discussion. Voted: 4-0-0.

7:06 PM Motion to adjourn by Dick with second by Dan. Voted: 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Brackett
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