

***Town Of Wayland
Public Ceremonies Committee
June 9, 2010 meeting***

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - Attendees: Chair; Richard Turner, John Dyer, Richard Brisk
2. The minutes from our May 5th meeting were accepted based on earlier revisions.
3. The Memorial Day events were reviewed for “lessons learned.”

Issue: A Wayland resident who is currently serving in the armed forces was **not** named among those mentioned as active duty service people. The mother was rightly upset.

Summary of discussion:

- All agreed that reading the names of active duty service people should be continued.
- The suggestion was made to say, “Have we missed anyone?” immediately after the list is read.
- The suggestion was made to find a better way to obtain the names (e.g., outreach to parents of those we know are serving, outreach to recent vets, request via newspaper announcement, etc.)

Issue: The setup at Lake View might be improved if we put the speaker’s podium near the flag pole.

Summary of discussion:

- All agreed that we should try that new arrangement next year.

Issue: There were problems with the chairs, generator, and sound system at Lake View.

Summary of discussion:

- All agreed that there was insufficient coordination between the PCC and the DPW.
- The suggestion was made to invite the DPW to a PCC meeting prior to Memorial Day to go over issues.

Issue: The “Van for Vets” was a SNAFU. The Counsel on Aging van was commandeered.

Summary of discussion:

- The suggestion was made to use the Counsel on Aging van in the future.

5. Appointment of Veterans’ Agent as ex-officio member of PCC
John Turchinets, veterans’ agent, attended during part of the meeting.

Summary of discussion:

- John agreed that he should become an *ex officio* member of the PCC.
- We decided to ask for thoughts from Peter Gossels and Mark Lanza on how best to go about adding the Veterans Agent as an *ex officio* member.
- Subsequently, we learned from Peter and Mark that our Veterans’ Agent issue should be raised in an article at Town Meeting because the Town Meeting created the committee and its charge.

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
 - Summer hiatus was proposed, so
No Next Meeting was announced.

Respectfully submitted
Richard Brisk