

PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of the meeting on March. 18, 2015

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.
In attendance: Richard Turner (RT), John Dyer, Lily Ho Schlafer (LH), and Richard Brisk (RB), Carl Bernardo (CB), Dennis Berry
- 2) Public comment: None..
- 3) Minutes of the March 4th meeting were approved without corrections.
- 4) Correspondence: None.
- 5) Old Business:
 - We discussed putting Christopher Shay's name on the memorial. Comments included:
 - We need evidence that he died while in Military Service.
 - The total cost of the engraving with the required insurance is \$979.00.
 - We do not have information on all those on the memorial.
 - Action Item CB:** Get information on Christopher Shay.
 - Action Item JD:** Collect information on all those named on the memorial.
 - We discussed the towns need for flags. Comments included:
 - Who will pay for and maintain flags at the N. & S. cemeteries.
 - Cost: \$1495/pole, \$900/installation, \$100/flag.
 - Action Item CB & RT:** Bring up buying and maintaining N. & S. cemetery flags at the Board of Public Works Meeting.
 - Action Item RT:** Talk with Stubby Kadlic about lighting the pole at Lakeview.
- 6) Old Business:
 - LMC award.
 - The past award winners were:

2009	Watchdog in the Public Interest (Margo Melnicove, et. al.).
2010	Gretchen Schuler.
2011	Barbara Sheffles.
2012	Donna Bouchard, Kim Cook, Kent George.
2013	HS Building Committee (Lea Anderson, et. al.).
2014	Albie Cincotti.
 - The group discussed each of the present nominees at length.
 - Prescott Woodbury (Woody) Baston.
 - Daughters of the American Revolution.
 - Wayland E-News,
 - Doosie Kahn,
 - Mary Antes,
 - Katrein Vander Straeten,
 - Medical Reserve Corp.
 - Action:**The committee unanimously voted to give this year's award to Katrein Vander Straeten.

- Memorial Day: May 25th
RT read through the list of tasks. The following is a list of the tasks assigned to various committee members.

RT: tables, chairs, podium, etc. award.

LH: Girl Scouts (Kathy Hodge).

JD: Speaker.

RT: MS and HS bands: Joe Orechuck.

The DAR and “Spread The Bread” are not invited to march this year.

RT: Board of Selectmen.

RT: Building use form.

LH: Counsel on Aging. (Julie Secord – ask them to clean the car)

CB: Police honor guard.

RT: Press release - Mary Ann.

RT: Keynote speaker.

CB: Color guard, Band, Rifle squad, Military vehicles.

RT: Chaplin of Natick Labs, Michael Griffith.

JD: Speaker for Gettysburg Address: Contact Alicin Maruguchi.

JD: Freedom prize.

RT: Portable sound system.

CB: Chief Irving.

CB: EMT

- Purple Heart Community **Action Item RT**: Send the article “Upton to be designated Purple Heart Community” to the Board of Selectmen.
Action Item RT: Speak to Mat Ching to determine the number of Purple Heart vets

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

The next PCC meeting was set for Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Brisk 3/29/2015