

PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting on January 13, 2016

- 1) The committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
In attendance: Richard Turner (RT), Carl Bernardo (CB), Stephen Streeter (SS), George Bernard (GB). Not Present: Dennis Berry and John Dyer
- 2) Public Comments: None
- 3) Old Business:
 - Reviewed previous minutes of December 9, 2015.
 - Richard Turner to check to make sure a thank you note was sent to Marine Detachment that provided firing squad for noon time program on Veteran's Day.
 - PCC asked George Bernard if he had received reimbursement for Veteran's Day program totaling \$904.06. GB stated he had not received reimbursement as of January 13. UPDATE: The Town of Wayland check was received by GB via mail on January 16 for \$904.06.
 - Ongoing issue as to whether Boy Scouts will weed the grounds around the Veterans Memorial at Town Hall and possibly other locations before Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Tom Kemper, Boy Scout Leader needs to be contacted to determine how serious scouts are about weeding of Veteran sites. Could this become a project or part of a project for a Scout to attain his Eagle Scout badge?
- 4) New Business:
PCC vacancies filled.
 - Steve Streeter and George Bernard have now joined the PCC. Both SS and GB have completed the Conflict of Interest course and turned the Certificate of Completion into the Town Clerk's office. Both SS and GB have been sworn in by the Town Clerk and completed all necessary paperwork.

Other Business

- CB notified the PCC that he contacted the Town Planner about how inappropriate the calendar month was showing the American flag with black stars and black lines. No further action is to be taken.
- The Lydia Child Award for 2016 was discussed. RT discussed the rules associated with the award. RT to put an article in the Town Crier in February asking the public for citizen volunteer names for this prestigious award.
- RT to issue thank you notes to both Richard Brisk and Lily Schlafer in either April or May 2016 for their dedicated years of service on the PCC.
- PCC addressed an email sent from Mr. Duane Galbi to RT on 10 January 2016 regarding the poor maintenance of the Veterans Memorials. The email mentioned bringing the issue of maintenance of the Veterans memorials in the form of an article at Town Meeting. The email also mentioned the use of the DPW to maintain the memorials with Overtime. The email was discussed and determined that the proposal by Mr. Galbi was outside the scope of the committee. The PCC does not make

budget rulings. A vote was taken by the PCC members and by a margin of four to none the request by Mr. Galbi was confirmed to be outside the committee's charge.

Memorial Day Parade

- CB stated that there are two parts to the Memorial Day parade. The first are for those who the PCC officially recognizes as part of the marching parade. This would also include military vehicles. RT will talk to the Wayland Veteran's Agent, John McGillivray about obtaining military vehicles for the Memorial Day parade. Also as part of the first section, PCC would like to invite Veterans to ride in their respective buses from Assisted Living facilities located in Wayland. There are many Veterans who live at Traditions, Sunrise and The Carriage House who are unable to walk in the parade but may like to participate by being driven in a van from their facility. There will be a second part for walkers, "stragglers", and other non-recognized groups that want to participate in the parade. The PCC will have the responsibility to review the request of such groups before they may march in the parade. In addition, the PCC will determine the assigned location of all individuals and groups who march in the parade. A draft application for all applicants who want to participate in the parade will be written by RT and presented to the PCC for review at the next meeting.
- GB and SS stated they will talk to the commander at Natick Soldier Systems Center in order to find a speaker for the Memorial Day Lakeview Cemetery program. They will report on progress at the next meeting. The speaker will be allowed between 5 – 10 minutes to speak on Memorial Day.
- SS to research the cost of either buying or renting new more powerful speakers, electronics and microphones for use at the various locations around town on the morning of Memorial Day and advise findings at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next PCC meeting was set for Wednesday, February 10nd at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

George Bernard 1/16/2016