

**PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of meeting on February 11, 2016**

- 1) The committee meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 January 13, 2016.
  - PCC asked George Bernard if he had received reimbursement for Veteran’s Day program totaling \$904.06. GB stated he had received the full reimbursement of \$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. It was determined that the Department of Public Works (DPW) should be contacted to find out if a DPW worker or workers are assigned to take care of the grounds at the Wayland Veterans Memorial and other locations. The PCC is concerned that no DPW union rules are violated by allowing Boy Scouts to take care of the grounds mentioned. Richard Turner to contact the Director of the DPW, Stephen Kadlik for further clarification of this issue.
- 4) New Business:
  - Richard Turner and George Bernard were contacted by the Superintendent of Schools, Paul Stein about free counseling services to U.S. Military members, Veterans who served after 9/11 and family members. The name of the program is: “Give an Hour”. It is an organization of mental health professionals who donate their time free of charge to assist military personnel and their families who may need their services.  
The website is: <http://www.giveanhour.org>  
From the Give an Hour website the organization offers treatment for:
    - \* anxiety
    - \* depression
    - \* substance abuse
    - \* post-traumatic stress disorder
    - \* traumatic brain injuries
    - \* sexual health and intimacy concerns
    - \* loss and grieving
    - \* and moreRichard Turner to give the website information to the new Wayland Veterans Agent.
  - The Lydia Child Award for 2016 was discussed. A press release appeared in the Town Crier asking Wayland residents to nominate individuals who they want considered for this award. The press release will be published again in the Town

Crier. In addition, Richard Turner to have the information for the award advertised in the Wayland Cable Network.

- Need to have JD give status on Freedom Prize? When can students start writing essays for the Freedom Prize and when do they have to be completed? Who are the judges this year?
- With PCC approval, GB to contact Mr. Kevin Delaney, Chairman of the Wayland History Department. The purpose is to find out if Mr. Delaney and selected students have any interest in filming a documentary on the history of “Mainstone Farms” which dates back to the 1870s. This is a unique piece of property that is under consideration for being kept as conservation land. In addition, it also gives the opportunity to research the families that lived there from the eighteen hundreds to the present.

### Memorial Day Parade

- RT has developed a one page form, entitled: “Memorial Day Parade Participate Application” to be filled out by all individuals or groups who plan to walk or ride in the Memorial Day Parade. PCC members to study the form and advise any comments or concerns about the form at the next PCC meeting. This form to be put on the Town of Wayland website and the electronic “Patch”. Target date is April 1. SS to make up large cards/signs with a number for each parade participant or group at the Wayland Middle School, the day of the parade.
- GB and SS stated they will talk to the commander at Natick Soldier Systems Center before the end of February in order to find a speaker for the Memorial Day Lakeview Cemetery program. They will report on progress at the March meeting. The speaker will be allowed between 5 – 10 minutes to speak on Memorial Day.
- SS recommended that only members of the American Legion man the flag pole at the Memorial Day ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery. PCC concurred.
- SS presented impressive research on the cost to buy versus rent equipment for the Lakeview Cemetery Memorial Day program. The equipment consisted of two powerful outdoor speakers that are 1000 Watts, two heavy duty tripod speaker stands, wireless vocal set which includes the microphone, cables & wiring at a total cost of approximately \$1,108.00. This is based on catalog pricing. SS has stated he will donate the mixer at no charge to the PCC or Town of Wayland. The estimated cost for rental of the same equipment from the Guitar Center is \$340.00 per event. The payback period to buy vs. rent is only three years. Therefore, the PCC considers it advantageous to buy the equipment not only for Memorial Day but for Veterans Day and any other special Wayland event. RT has asked SS to get a Firm Fixed Price quotation (without tax – due to town exempt status) for the equipment by the next meeting and SS has agreed to do so. In the meantime, RT to look into available funding from the Town of Wayland should the PCC receive authorization to buy the equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

The next PCC meeting was set for Wednesday, March, 9 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

George Bernard 2/16/2016

Approved By Unanimous vote 03/9/2016