

PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE
Minutes of meeting on May 11, 2016

- 1) The committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
In attendance: Richard Turner (RT), Carl Bernardo (CB), George Bernard (GB) and John Dyer (JD). Not Present: Dennis Berry and Stephen Streeter (SS)
- 2) Public Comment: No Public Comment
- 3) Preparation For Memorial Day New Business:
 - SS tested out the new speaker system and it works perfectly. In addition SS purchased new carrying bags for the speakers. RT purchased a carrying bag for the stands.
 - RT suggested that SS buy surge protector for speaker system as it is run by a generator. Storage of speaker equipment TBD.
 - RT has received eleven (11) Memorial Day Parade Applications to date.
 - SS to bring color codes cards for Memorial Day to next WPCC meeting.
 - Chaplain Griffith of Natick Labs was not able to locate a military chaplain for Memorial Day. RT asked a Jewish Rabbi to give the prayers but she was unavailable on 30 May. GB was asked if any of the pastors at Trinitarian Congregational Church (TCC) were available. Pastor Allan Baldwin of TCC agreed to give the Invocation & Benediction provided he may say the prayers “in the name of Jesus”. The committee voted unanimously 4 – 0 in favor of the pastor praying “in the name of Jesus”. The committee determined that any religious person doing the prayer part of the program should do it “according to the traditions of his or her religion”.
 - RT to check to see which Selectman is speaking.
 - CB stated there are no military vehicles in this year’s parade and if we want military vehicles in the 2017 Memorial Day parade we should start looking in June 2016.
 - JD or CB to monitor and arraign the order of the military portion of the parade and GB to monitor and arraign order of civilian sector of parade.
 - RT to put schedule of Memorial Day parade and program in Town Crier by 19 May.
 - RT to put picture and caption of keynote speaker, COL May in Town Crier 19 May. GB needs to have COL May provide his background introduction by 20 May.
 - JD to contact WWII Veteran John Wright to see if he will be the Grand Marshall of the parade.

- JD & GB to meet with judges on May 18 to determine the winner of the Freedom Prize.
- CB expressed concern about using flagpole at Lakeview Cemetery without DPW help or help using a DPW worker who served in the military.
- Concerned was expressed over Democratic Party members who will march in the parade and what political endorsements that may have on display.
- Next year in 2017 RT to determine who pays for flags and markers in private Wayland cemeteries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

The next WPCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00pm. The purpose is to review the Memorial Day programs in full detail.

Respectfully submitted
George Bernard 5/15/2016