

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Location: 175 Central Street, Town Hall

Date: August 28, 2023

Time: Called to order 6:10 p.m.

Attendees: Paul Connell, Chairman
Dee Dee Rogers, Clerk
Debra Chassey
Chris Buckley, VSO

The minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Debra, seconded by Dee Dee and all were in favor.

The By-Laws were distributed and will be reviewed and voted on at our next meeting.

Chris would like to be a "Purple Heart Town" and requested the PAC purchase 6 metal signs with that designation. The cost is \$36.00 per sign for a total of \$216.00. Debra made a motion to purchase the signs and was seconded by Dee Dee. All were in favor.

Chris stated as the VSO, he will purchase the flags for Memorial Day to be distributed in the cemeteries as he is reimbursed 75% of the cost. He requested that the PAC purchase the brackets for the Military Tribute Banners, with a purchase price of \$2,000.00. A motion to purchase was made by Dee Dee and seconded by Debra, all were in favor. After a brief discussion the motion was amended to \$2,100.00 purchase price. All were in favor to amend the purchase price.

There will be 55 banners in the initial order. The order is expected to be received on September 15th.

Paul stated he will be away from September 12th through September 20th. There will be a meeting with the Tri-Town Veterans Day Committee on September 6th at the East Bridgewater Town Hall.

A discussion was held and it was decided that Charlie Farnham will be asked to be the Grand Marshall for the Veterans Day parade. Dee Dee will contact Charlie to make the request.

Paul will check with the East Bridgewater Marching Band for their participation in the parade. Chris will check with the school to see if the school can be used in the event of rain.

Chris is hoping to have an answer from the Military Marching Bands that he contacted to participate in the parade soon.

Paul will set up the chairs on the common for the service on Veterans Day. Paul will also ask the EB Music Department to assist with the audio.

Paul distributed a letter and requested input from the committee. The letter is to be sent on September 12th.

The committee went over the tasks to be done for the Parade.

Debra will design the flyer for the parade and send to Paul. The flyers will be on 8 ½ X 11 paper and will be distributed late September into early October.

The Theme of the parade is to be determined at a later date.

Chris proposed a Tri-Town Social to be held weekly and hosted by each town on a rotating basis. It could possibly be held at the Town Hall or COA.

A motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. was made by Dee Dee and seconded by Debra, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Dee Dee Rogers, Clerk

