MEETING MINUTES

Location: 175 Central Street, Town Hall

Date: October 30, 2023

Time: Called to order 6:14 p.m.

Attendees: Paul Connell, Chairman

Dee Dee Rogers, Clerk

Debra Chassey Merri Walsh

Chris Buckley, VSO

Absent: Paul Damon

The minutes were reviewed, a correction to Merri Walsh last name was noted. A motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Merri, seconded by Debra, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Dee Dee to purchase two additional Judge's Choice trophies, the motion was seconded by Debra, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Debra to increase the funding of banner brackets adding an additional \$800.00, the motion was seconded by Merri, all were in favor.

Chris shared that the Military Tribute Banners will be installed tomorrow beginning on Spring Street to Central and down to the Common and High School. The banners will be taken down at the end of 2023 and put up again in the Spring. Chris also stated he plans on having a tri-town monthly meeting with all three Bridgewaters at the Bridgewater Veterans Club.

Chris shared with us the needs of the VA Hospital to assist Veterans, they are looking for new Jackets, socks, sweatshirts and sweatpants to be donated. Drop off can be at Chris' office from October 31st through November 13th.

There will be a Veterans only breakfast at the Y after the Field of Flags ceremony on Saturday November 4th.

A coalition will be held at the Town Hall 2nd Floor large conference room after the Veterans Day parade and ceremony on the Common. Sandwiches will be served. A motion was made by Debra to have the PAC purchase refreshments for the coalition, the motion was seconded by Merri, all were in favor. Sandwich platters from Roche Bros. will be ordered by Paul. Karen Connell will get the box of Joe from Dunkin Donuts. Debra offered to pick up chips, cookie platters, plates, napkins, table cloth and water from BJ's. Set up of the conference room will be Friday November 10th by Paul, Dee Dee and Merri.

Paul will contact Dee Dee when the Veterans Day Parade programs will be ready to be picked up at the Happy Frog.

CERT will be working the Parade line up.

Chris stated he has not heard back from the Commercial Club regarding borrowing their speaker system for the ceremony on the common following the parade. Chris has a Veteran who may be able to secure a PA system to be used, Chris will let Paul know ASAP, if none available Debra will check with Myles Hegar.

Paul stated that all Principals at all the schools have been notified by email about the parade.

Dee Dee will contact Bridgwater Trophy and order 2 addition Judge's Choice trophies. Paul will contact Debra with the estimated number of attendees to the coalition after the parade.

The next meeting of the PAC will be November 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Planning and Building Department conference room.

Respectfully Submitted Dee Dee Rogers, Clerk