

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: 175 Central Street, Town Hall

Date: September 25, 2023

Time: Called to order 6:01 p.m.

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

The minutes were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Paul Damon, seconded by Merri, all in favor.

Chris stated he may have a lower price for the “Purple Heart Town” signs, and will get back to us if that is the case.

The theme for the Veterans Day parade will be “200 Years of Proudly Serving Our Nation”.

Paul Connell stated he has contacted Linda Pavlov regarding the Marching Band and the need for two buglers.

Debra stated she will send the flyer electronically to Paul to be printed. The distribution of the flyers will be the same as Memorial Day. Paul Connell will distribute the flyers to Bridgwater and West Bridgwater via email. The design of the Program for the parade was also discussed. Debra will be doing the design.

The committee went over the parade checklist. Chris mentioned that perhaps the Audio that the Commercial Club has could be used at the common after the parade, Chris stated he would reach out to the commercial Club.

The letter regarding participation in the parade will be sent to area dance schools, community organizations, car clubs, scouts, churches, and schools. A message about participation will also be made on Facebook as well as The Buzz.

Chris Buckley will discuss where the gathering will be held after the parade with Dave Sheedy, in the past it has been in Saint John's Church Hall or the Town Hall.

Chris stated he has had no luck on getting any military band to participate in the parade.

Paul Connell stated the Tri Town meeting for the parade will be in early October and will let us know the date as soon as possible.

A brief discussion was held on flags for Memorial Day. Lining the common with flags approximately 3x5 in size was discussed. Chris also stated the small cemetery flags could line the parade route (behind the sidewalk) for Veterans Day.

Chris stated that Dave Sheedy is working on getting a trolley or bus for Veterans to ride in who will not be marching.

A motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Was made by Dee Dee and seconded by Paul Damon, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Dee Dee Rogers, Clerk

Respectfully submitted as approved at PAC meeting on October 30, 2023 by Dee Dee Rogers.