

PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE

Planning Board Conference Room

Wayland Town Building

41 Cochituate Road

Wayland, Mass 01778

June 13, 2018

- 1) The committee meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.
In attendance: Richard Turner (RT), Carl Bernardo (CB), George Bernard (GB), John Dyer (JD) and Dennis Berry (DB).
Guest Visitor: Rod MacLean
- 2) Public Comment: No Public Comment
- 3) Old Business Minutes from May 9, 2018 were reviewed and approved.
- 4) New Business: Review of Memorial Day Parade and Program:
 - The committee felt that the Memorial Day Parade and Program was a success but that several aspects of the day's events could be improved upon. On the positive side, the Wayland Girl Scouts did an extraordinary job of helping RT with placing 1400 American flags at the various Wayland cemeteries. The committee to consider presenting the Girl Scouts with a special badge for their efforts or some other way to say thank you for a job well done.
 - The committee was pleased with the turn out of Wayland residents for the parade and program.
 - The committee thought this was one of the best Memorial Day programs as all those who spoke at Lakeview Cemetery had excellent remarks from the Selectmen, State Representative and the guest speaker.
 - Both the parade and program started on time and ran on schedule.
 - DPW as usual did an outstanding job preparing cemeteries, the Lokerville WWII park and other locations. DPW also helped with setting up the speaker system and taking it down at Lakeview Cemetery. RT to write note of appreciation.
 - Issues that need to be improved upon for the 2019 Memorial Day parade and program include:
 - The half-track military vehicle was listed to be in the parade but never made it. It was determined that CB has to start in August 2018 to plan to have the half-track appear in the 2019 program. A contract needs to be signed with the organization loaning the half-track and a contract needs to be signed well in advance for the transportation to and from Wayland on Memorial Day, May 27, 2019.
 - Two of the three Classic State Police vehicles never showed up for the parade. Those who provide the vehicles need to be told to find alternate drivers if they cannot make the parade. They just cannot show up. This is unacceptable.
 - Waycam was scheduled to take care of the cameras for both the parade and program but cancelled. RT had to run back and forth to adjust the camera for the various speakers at the Lakeview program. This is unacceptable for 2019. PCC to consider paying students \$25.00/hour and \$50.00 total to operate the cameras in 2019.
 - RT took care of too many jobs while preparing for Memorial Day. Next year the job duties need and will be divided up more evenly among committee members.
 - Committee members to scout out new location in 2019 for podium at Lakeview Cemetery to be closer to the audience.

- Unclear who did Town Crier article two weeks after Memorial Day with pictures (supplied by Brad Keyes) and short article. Committee needs to coordinate with Town Crier two months in advance and with other aspects of social media to have portions of speeches included in the newspaper in hardcopy and via electronically.
- Coordinate efforts with David Potter two months in advance to process Freedom Prize certificates and notify the Selectmen and State Reps about the upcoming event.
- RT to check on having 1953 Antique Fire Truck in 2019 parade.
- Other New Business
- John Dyer to step down as member when his term expires end of June 2018. John is requesting to stay on as a non-voting Associate Member.
- RT to work with Rod MacLean as he becomes a new member and replaces Steve Streeter. RT to work with Michelle Galicia as she becomes a member and replaces John Dyer.
- Richard sent official Town of Wayland Letterhead thank you notes to the Commanders of MAJ Chaplain Woodford and CSM Pintagro for their excellent involvement in the 2018 Memorial Day parade and program.
- RT to follow up on status of eagle repair as eagle separates from base of Wayland Veterans Memorial.
- Kevin Delaney has contacted GB to see if Freedom Prize can be awarded at a Wayland High School awards program in June, instead of at the Lakeview Cemetery on Memorial Day. Mr. Delaney stated there is a change in the US History curriculum that requires a change in schedule of the Freedom Prize. GB wrote back to Mr. Delaney stating that the Freedom Prize should remain a significant stand-alone award given on Memorial Day. GB asked if the top ten essays could be delivered to GB the Thursday before Memorial Day to determine the number one essay and still award on Memorial Day. Mr. Delaney will have an answer in September or the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

- The next WPCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 7:00 P.M. at the Town Building.

Respectfully submitted
George Bernard 6/23/2018
