

## **MINUTES – WAYLAND PUBLIC CEREMONIES COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday January 12, 2022**

A meeting of the Public Ceremonies Committee (PCC) was held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday January 12, 2022, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Wayland Town Building, 41 Cochituate Rd Wayland Ma 01778

### **Present:**

Richard Turner (Chair)  
George Bernard  
Rod McLean  
Donna Bouchard

### **Absent:**

Cynthia Miller

All members participated in person and the meeting was broadcast on WayCAM.

### **1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Richard Turner (Chair) at 7:10 PM., and then reviewed how to participate via a virtual 'hand-raise' through Zoom.

### **2. Public Comment**

There was no public Comment.

### **3. Reading of Correspondence and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Richard read a letter to Senator Dole Thanking the Late Senator Robert Dole for letters he had sent over the years thanking the PCC for their work organizing the Memorial Day Parades and Veterans Day ceremonies over the years.

The draft minutes from the Committee's November 3, 2021 meeting were approved with corrections to references as submitted, 4-0. George made the motion, seconded by Donna and the rest of the committee members present.

### **4. Old Business**

#### **Veterans Day Program Wrap Up**

The Committee discussed the Veterans Day Ceremony held on November 11, 2021. All agreed the ceremony went very well and was well received by all in attendance. Of particular note was the music and the committee will try to repeat that next year. The Committee also discussed having a woman veteran speak at next year's Ceremony.

#### **Gossels Award and Candidate List**

The Gossels Family has written a letter and wishes to make an endowment to maintain the plaque and portrait in the Town Building and cover the cost of placing the names of the award recipients on the plaque. Donna informed the Committee that Brian Keveny, Finance Director, instructed us to speak to the Trust Committee to properly handle the funds. The announcement for nominees for the Good Governance award will go out in late January with a 30 day window to submit names. The Committee will pick the winner in March.

#### **Lydia Maria Child Award**

The Committee discussed the Lydia Maria Childs (LMC) award nominees. The announcement for nominees for the LMC award will go out in late February with a 30-day window to submit names. The Committee will pick the winner in April.

### **5. New Business**

## **Letter to Board of Selectmen Concerning Wreaths Across America**

A letter, received by the Board Of selectman, regarding the placing of wreaths at the North Cemetery was brought to the attention of the Committee. The Committee members determined that this was not the business of the Committee as they were not involved in placing the wreaths and there was no further discussion

## **WWII Memorial Flagpole Sign**

George discussed putting a sign at the WWII Veterans Memorial to state the reason the flag is being flown at half-staff. The Committee members agreed in principle to the idea. George will look into cost and feasibility and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

## **Freedom prize Winner picture in high school commons**

The Committee discussed having the Freedom Prize winners picture being displayed at the High School, similar to students who are recognized for excellence in sports. The Committee members agreed in principle to the idea. George and Richard will raise the idea with the Super Intendant of Schools and update the Committee at a future meeting.

## **6. Topics Not Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours Prior to the Meeting**

None.

## **7. Set Next Meeting Date**

The Committee set a date of February 9, 2022 for the next meeting.

## **8. Adjournment**

Upon a motion duly made by Rod, seconded by George, the Committee voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

## **Corresponding Documents:**

- Draft meeting minutes dated November 3, 2021

Submitted by:

Rodrick McLean Member

Public Ceremonies Committee