

Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee
Minutes
May 16, 2016

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee was held at the Harvey Wheeler Building, 1276 Main Street, on May 16, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Kathleen Stone (Chair), John Arena, Robert Norton, Edward Murray, Trish Ng, Tom Valle, Erin Logan
Guests: Harold Nichols, Stephen Ng, Jean Murray, Carol Nichols, Kevin Paulsen, Ann Lang, Meg Gaudet

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM. – A quorum being present.

1. Minutes from 5/12/16 amended and approved by unanimous vote.
2. Old Business
 - a. Bills
Committee unanimously approved the following invoices
 - i. Concord Police Dept. for Patriot's Day Detail (\$ 4,826.69)
 - ii. Erin Logan for her committee jacket (79.00)
3. Spring 2016
 - a. Memorial Day
 - i. The committee reviewed the updated checklist.
 - ii. Tom and John will be sending out the script drafts to participants by the next meeting.
 - iii. Erin will verify the number of wreaths to be ordered for the Concord Center ceremony and Trish will confirm the number of war memorials.
 - iv. Tom will touch base with Michael Lawson regarding Select Board comments at the ceremonies.
 - v. Kathy will contact the Minutemen.
 - vi. Ann Lang volunteered to assist at the collation.
 - vii. Trish will call Dunkin Donuts to inquire about a donation.
 - viii. The walkthrough will be held on Sunday, May 29th at 5 pm, meeting at Rideout Field.
4. Public Comment
 - a. Soldier Poem
 - i. Mr. Nichols claimed that the poem has been incorporated in years past, which Meg also confirmed.
 - ii. Kevin Paulsen noted that the poem was found offensive by some attendees.
5. New Business
 - a. Motion
 - i. Motion made by Rob, seconded by John to include the Soldier Poem in the 2016 Memorial Day script, contingent upon the poem being read by Rob in an appropriate tone.
 - ii. Committee voted 6 to 1 in favor of the Soldier Poem.
6. Next meeting will be held on Monday, May 24th at 6:30 pm in the Harvey Wheeler Community Center.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
John Arena, III - Member