

# MEETING MINUTES

## PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE

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Date: March 25<sup>th</sup> 2024

Time: 7:10 PM

Meeting called to order by: Sean Bator

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Cale Sikkila, Mandy Bator, Shawn Bator, Peter Somero, Tammy Hannu, Travis Somero, Carl Toko, Ollie

### BUDGET

- Total budget of \$3990
  - Flags \$280.86
  - Medallions \$450
  - Crosses \$225
  - Flowers \$200
  - Wreaths \$50
  - Keen Band \$825
  - Food \$500
  - Porter Pottie \$110 (may be donated)
  - Reenactors \$600
  - Bagpipe Band \$1700
  - Remaining \$-950 (need donations)
- Last year expenditure
  - Total \$2631.58
    - Flags \$1342.76
    - Memorial Day \$1230.41
    - Flag maintenance \$0058.41

### MAINTENANCE

- Flags
  - Enough new flags for graves
  - Need replacement flags for half way through summer
  - 5 5x8 flags (United States)

- Old County Rd
  - Goen RD
  - Smithville cemetery
    - 2 Poles
  - Old Central cemetery
    - 2 Poles
  - Soldiers Monument
- Need 4 more flags for the year
- Polyester or nylon
  - Polyester supposed to be stronger
- Rubbermaid containers to help preserve flags
- Use closet in school house
- Next year responsible for all flags
  - Streets
  - Fields
  - Town hall
- Need medallions for veterans that died since last year
  - 3 new
    - Need to figure out which ones are buried in New Ipswich
  - Need some for replacing existing
- Crosses
  - 1x4 stock
    - 4 @ 12'

## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE (19<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY)**

### **Music**

- Keene legion does taps in the afternoon
  - Voted and approved
- Temple band out
- Shoot for full band
  - Need donations for this
- Sound
  - John Rosenfelder does sound Cale to reach out
- Cale to reach out to Goodrich Girls
- Cale to organize music

### **Groups Marching**

- Reenactors (fifth regiment) are available
  - \$300 per parade
  - 8 people marching
  - If they get 5
    - 3 for a 21 gun salute
  - Possibly get a drummer
  - Colonial United states flag
  - State flag
  - Fifth regiment flag
  - Voted and approved
    - Sean to reach out to hire them
- Fall mountain not able to make it
  - May have another ROTC interested
  - Shawn to reach out
- Veterans

- Where are they buried
- Boy scouts
  - Will march in afternoon
- Sports teams
  - Waiting for confirmation
- Greenville legion 21 gun salute
  - May use the reenactors instead

### **Speakers**

- Ministers
  - Ken Whitson will do Central Cemetery
  - Others have not replied
- Possibly have reenactors speak at soldiers monument

### **Financing**

- Donations
  - Waiting on select board permission

### **Miscellaneous**

- Board of selectmen meeting
  - Brought up donation money
  - Couple of options waiting on Board to approve
- We have the list of deceased veterans
  - Only three died this last year
- We received a list of veterans living in New Ipswich
- Crosses go out for memorial day, back in by veterans day
- Buy flowers from amazing flower
  - 3 bouquets source from amazing flower farm
  - Maybe plant some at each locations
    - Cale to look into someone to donate/ take care of
- Who takes care of the food
  - Possibly shut down the road between soldiers monument to pizza haven and have a community BBQ for fund-raising
  - Committee repays boy scouts for hot dogs
- Reach out to news papers
  - Debbie reaches out to put an advertisement
- Shawn to look into the Stearns and Burton to pay for reenactors
- Shawn still working on trailer
  - Ben Hatcher to provide a tractor and driver for trailer
- Start Smithville at 9:30
  - Voted and approved
  - Touch base with the Ahos
- Wreaths
  - Reuse artificial wreaths
  - Pay to dress up the wreaths

### **UNRESOLVED BUISNESS**

- Fourth of July parade
  - Meeting with rec department April 4th

### **NEXT MEETING**

- Wed April 10<sup>th</sup>