

# Veterans Memorial Committee

10/18/2023

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## **Present**

Dylan Brown, Mark Richardson, deForest Bearse, Patience Bearse, John Arrison

Ms. D. Bearse called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

## **Motion to approve June 1, 2023 minutes.**

**Made:** Mr. Brown                      **Second:** Mr. Richardson

All in favor

Ms. D. Bearse discussed the presentation of the honorary diploma for Royal Houghton for the 11/11/2023 Veterans Day ceremony. Ms. Bearse also discussed honoring Edith Stillson at the ceremony.

## **Motion to approve the expenditure of \$20.00 for flowers for the Houghton family and Stilson family.**

**Made:** Mr. Richardson                      **Second:** Mr. Brown

All in favor

Mr. Arrison said he sent out invitations to local elected officials for the 11/11/2023 Veterans Day ceremony.

Mr. Arrison confirmed he would be the master of ceremonies for the ceremony.

Mr. Arrison confirmed the speaker for the ceremony is Gerald Milloy.

Ms. D. Bearse confirmed she reached out to local first responders and the Catamount Composite Squadron for the ceremony.

Ms. P. Bearse confirmed she will be providing music for the ceremony.

Ms. D. Bearse discussed the advertising for the ceremony to be posted to the Weathersfield town's website, the Weathersfield Veterans Memorial Committee Facebook page, and that she will be making paper copies to be posted at local businesses.

Mr. Arrison suggested ringing the Perkinsville church bell to signify the beginning of the ceremony and to confirm additional seating for the ceremony. Ms. D. Bearse will check in with Gloria Balentine to orchestrate the bell ringing and the extra seating.

## **Motion to authorize the expenditure of no more than \$150 for the wreath or spray for the ceremony.**

**Made:** Mr. Richardson                      **Second:** Mr. Brown

All in favor

Ms. D. Bearse discussed the order of events for the ceremony. Ms. D. Bearse inquired about the status of the Memorial gardens prior to the ceremony. Mr. Brown indicated he and his father are knowledgeable of

the items to purchase from Home Depot. Ms. D. Bearse inquired about the status of the flag. Mr. Brown confirmed he would check the condition of the flag.

Mr. Richardson inquired about committee representation and participation for the annual Trunk or Treat on October 28, 2023. Mr. Brown volunteered to represent the committee at the Trunk or Treat.

**Motion to authorize the expenditure of no more than \$50 for candy for the annual Trunk or Treat.**

**Made:** Mr. Richardson                      **Second:** Mr. Brown

All in favor

Ms. D. Bearse discussed the committee's former panels. Ms. D. Bearse confirmed she has been granted permission by the town to display former panels at the 1879 Schoolhouse. Ms. D. Bearse mentioned the need to discuss a future motion for a budget and expenditure for frames for the panels.

Ms. D. Bearse discussed the suggestion made by Mr. Richardson for a reusable committee banner to be used at future events. Ms. P. Bearse will make a design for the banner. The banner will bear a logo design and the committee's slogan ("Honor, Teach, Inspire").

Ms. D. Bearse proposed committee participation in the Weathersfield 2024 Town Challenge. Mr. Brown and Ms. P. Bearse expressed interest in participation.

Mr. Arrison mentioned the need for a tent during events and ceremonies in case of rain.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Made:** Mr. Arrison                      **Second:** Mr. Brown

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully,

*Patience Bearse*

Weathersfield Veterans Memorial Committee Member.