



Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting  
May 15, 2019

NOTES

Members Present: Edith Stillson, deForest Bearse, Gloria Ballantine, Cookie and Ernie Shand

1. Memorial Day Ceremony Plans

a. Wreath

It was agreed to order a silk flower wreath from Linda Perron at a cost not to exceed \$75.

**Motion:** To authorize spending up to \$75 for a silk flower wreath from Linda Perron.

**Made by:** Mr. Shand      **Second:** Mrs. Stillson

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor

Mrs. Ballantine had purchased a wreath that everyone thought would be perfect for July 4<sup>th</sup> at the monument.

**Motion:** To reimburse Mrs. Ballantine \$20 for a July 4<sup>th</sup> wreath for the monument.

**Made by:** Mr. Shand      **Second:** Mrs. Stillson

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor

b. Speaker/Students

The Weathersfield School Band will play a couple of pieces for the ceremony. Noah Huebner will play the taps echo. Ryan McNutt, a veteran from the MA Army National Guard will be the guest speaker.

The committee put the finishing touches to the program.

2. Roll of Honor

Two names have been added to the Roll and the new version will be installed in time for Memorial Day. Mr. Shand will call attention to it during the program.

Side Podiums

One podium will be used to honor Chip Cobb; the other will show a map of the Town with all of the cemeteries on it and indicating the number of veterans buried in each. Mrs. Bearse will start the ball rolling on them both.

3. Future of the VMC

The committee decided that it would be best to have the select board create an actual VMC with appointed members. All agreed that the reserve funds should be redefined to allow expenditures

on all activities that honor veterans.

**Motion:** To recommend to the Select Board that the VMC become a board-appointed committee with a fixed number of seats, but excluding no one that wished to participate; and to redefine the VMC reserve account to allow expenditures for all activities that honor veterans.

**Made by:** Mr. Shand      **Second:** Mrs. Shand

**Vote:** Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,

*deForest Bearse*

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