

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Location: East Bridgewater Public Library, 32 Union Street

Date: February 26, 2024

Time: Meeting opened 6:06 p.m.

Attendees: Paul Connell, Chairman
Dee Dee Rogers, Clerk
Debra Chassey
Merri Walsh
Chris Buckley, VSO

Absent: Paul Damon

The minutes were distributed and a motion to accept was made by Debra Chassey, seconded by Dee Dee Rogers, all were in favor.

Discussion was held on the upcoming Memorial Day observation.

The graves of Veterans in all the East Bridgewater cemeteries will be decorated with flags the Saturday before Memorial Day. VSO Buckley has ordered 1,200 flags for the cemeteries. The WWI, WWII, Korean and Vietnam Memorials will have flowers planted by the Girl Scouts. Dee Dee will purchase the flowers and get them to Merri in order for them to be planted May 24th. Merri has been in contact with her Wreath person and wreaths will be made for the memorials to be laid at the Memorial Day observation. The Spanish War Memorial will have cemetery flags placed on both sides of the memorial.

Buntings will be put on the gazebo on the Common. 3' x 5' flags will be attached to the iron bars on every other post on the common before Memorial Day and will be removed soon after July 4th.

The Memorial Day service will begin on the Common at 10:00 a.m. with Service Organizations as well as politicians and concert band to be invited. A student at the Junior Senior High School will be asked to recite the Gettysburg Address.

A proclamation will be added to the program after all the greetings. VSO Buckley will do the Welcome and speak of one Veteran who has passed since April 30, 2023.

Paul Connell will contact a Bugler and possibly a soloist for God Bless America.

VSO Buckley will connect with Tom Orth to see if his PA system can be used for Memorial Day.

A discussion will be held at a later meeting on having a flyer announcing Memorial Day.

The Commercial Club will be contacted regarding the Chicken Barbeque after the services on the common.

The Flag retirement ceremony will be held on the common on June 14th by the American Legion Post 91.

A discussion was held on the Military Tribute Banners. VSO Buckley stated the new batch of banners will be displayed in April and May. All banners will be removed in November 2024 after Veterans Day to be reposted in the spring of 2025. Brackets will be needed and VSO Buckley will get the number needed to Paul.

Paul stated the cage needs to be moved upstairs in Town Hall to accommodate the needs of the Town Clerk.

A motion to adjourn was made by Merri and seconded by Debra, all were in favor.

The next meeting of the PAC will be held March 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Planning/ Building Department Conference room at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Dee Rogers, Clerk