

Public Ceremonies Committee Minutes October 16, 2023

Wayland Town Building

41 Cochituate Road

Wayland, MA 017783

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM in the Selectboard meeting room of the Wayland Town Hall. Present were George Bernard, Rod McLean, Donna Bouchard, Cyndi Miller and Richard Turner, Chair.

Waycam was not recording. There was no Public Comment. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Veterans Day: Richard Turner reported the athletic field at the Town Hall will be closed on Nov. 11th. Richard Turner reported there was correspondence from the town regarding the agenda and time of the event. It has been posted, including all information.

The Veterans Day agenda was provided by George Bernard and approved by the committee. George wrote and Donna will submit the press release for the Patch. Mr. Joseph Oneschuk is working on providing Echo Taps and two other pieces. Victoria Gitten will sing the National Anthem. Mr. Swanke will be the keynote speaker. Boy Scout Troop 1 will provide Color Guard.

Refreshments will be offered at the conclusion of the ceremony in the Town Hall. Starbucks and Sudbury Farms will prepare coffee and food items. George suggested, for security purposes, the Wayland Police drive through the parking lot during the ceremony.

The Freedom Prize will be presented during the ceremony. Grant Lee, a 1st year student at West Point, is this year's recipient. His family will receive the award in his absence. Richard moved to authorize \$500.00 from the Memorial Fund for the award and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Lydia Marie Child Award: Richard Turner suggested transferring the award to the Historical Society to administer. The committee agreed. He will ask them to consider it.

New Business: Cyndi met a couple from Sutton MA who own a 2.5-ton military vehicle and a 1942 Jeep. They expressed an interest in driving them in the Memorial Day Parade in May 2024. The committee accepted the offer, and she will work on arrangements.

The next meeting will be Wednesday Nov. 8, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Miller

Approved By a unanimous vote 11/08/2023