

## Public Ceremonies Committee Minutes Nov. 8, 2023

Wayland Town Building

41 Cochituate Road

Wayland, MA 01778

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM in the Selectboard meeting room of the Wayland Town Hall. Present were Rod McLean, Cyndi Miller and Richard Turner, Chair. Donna Bouchard and George Bernard were absent. The Wayland Town Moderator, Miranda Jones, was a guest. Waycam was not recording. There was no public comment.

Veterans Day Ceremony planning: Richard Turner received correspondence from James Metcalf, regarding Victoria Gitten singing the National Anthem on Memorial Day, 2023. The audience was invited to sing along with Victoria, however she “stylized” her rendition of the anthem, making it difficult for a crowd to sing along in time with her. Following a brief discussion, Richard Turner will ask Donna Bouchard to speak with Victoria Gitten about singing the anthem at a normal pace so the audience can sing along with her during the Veteran’s Day service.

Refreshments after the service will be offered in the Large Hearing Room. Sudbury Farms will deliver the food. George Bernard will pick up the coffee at Starbucks. Starbucks asked that in the future we give them a 2 week notice on our order since, when preparing large orders, they need to bring in extra staff to operate the store.

The press release has been submitted. State Rep. David Linsky will be giving a few words. Mr. and Mrs. Lee, parents of West Point Cadet Grant Lee, will be present to receive the Freedom Prize. WHS student, Alex Irwin, will read the Veteran’s names. It was noticed that the song, “America the Beautiful” is presented twice during the program; played

by the WHS Woodwind Trio and sung by Victoria Gitten. The committee decided that only the Woodwind Trio will play it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31PM. The next meeting will be Jan. 10, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Miller

Approved 01/10/2024 by vote 4to0 1 Member Absent