

# West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes for Meeting on:

5/24/2023 - 5:00PM

21 State Line Road, West Stockbridge, MA

Attendance: Caitlin Graham (CG), Joe Roy (JR), Ashley Daigle (AD), JP Boscarino <zoom>, Helen Nolan

- 5:02PM Meeting in session.
- CG made a motion to accept previous meeting minutes. HN seconded. All approved.
- CG brought up details about Memorial Day and the group agreed on the following details:

## Memorial Day Order of Events

(All speakers MUST keep their speeches/prayers UNDER 2 minutes so that VFW can leave on time for their next event)

- 7:30am - Joe Roy & JP Boscarino to set up the sound system and podium. Joe to have all items in his truck prior to Memorial Day so we don't need to get into Town Hall.
- 8:15am – Joe Roy to meet Bob Barnes at the town hall for transportation for wreath ceremonies. Joe to escort Bob in mule with Police Escort for wreath ceremonies. Joe Roy (the father) to ride with Police escort to film each ceremony.
  - 8:30am – Bridge ceremony (brief prayer). WSPD will stop traffic.
  - 8:45am – Cannon ceremony (brief prayer). WSPD will stop traffic.
- 8:45am - American Legion shows up at Town Hall. They will have dedicated parking on the exit side of Town Hall driveway.
- 9am **SHARP** – Town Hall Ceremony (**must be finished by 9:30am**)
  - MMRHS Band performs Patriotic Parade to gather everyone (2 mins)
  - 9:03am - Opening words – Kathleen Keresey
  - 9:05am - Opening prayer – Belle Fox-Martin
  - 9:07am - Introduction of the Student Readers by Kathleen Keresey
    - 9:07am - The Gettysburg Address read by Arabella Calautti (Ara-Bella Coo-La-Tee)
    - 9:09am - In Flanders Fields read by Alexander Roy
    - 9:11am - America's Answer read by Olivia Liccardi (Olivia Lick-car-dee)
  - 9:13am - Memorial Day Prayer – John Zick
  - 9:15am - American Legion portion – Bob Barnes
    - Announcement about ice cream (Up to \$7-8 dollars. Whatever they want. Candy, ice cream, drink, etc...)
  - 9:17am - Prayer offered by the Chaplain for the American Legion
  - 9:19am - Recognition of those who have passed in the last year, and a moment of silence
  - 9:21am - MMRHS Band performs the National Anthem (2min 10sec)
  - 9:23am - VFW portion – Michael Murphy
  - 9:25am - Closing prayer offered by the Chaplain of VFW
  - 9:27am - Firing Squad performs a 21 gun salute

- 9:28am - MMRHS Band performs TAPS with echo
- 9:29am - Ceremony finishes quietly and everyone leaves
- *Following the Ceremony, Cait to hand out ice cream tickets at town hall and in front of Public Market.*
- JR brought up Card Pond update. JR and Curt Wilton talked recently. Card Pond will be opening up this weekend. Orange fence will be down and dock and buoys will be out. JR to order more goose lawn treatment. Curt Wilton will look into lawn treatment for the beach area since geese are staying off. P&R was not able to secure a Lifeguard for the season. JR to talk to Marie about seeing if we could hire a Card Pond Groundskeeper to spend about an hour in the morning and an hour at night to open, tidy up and break down the beach area during the Summer season to keep the beach looking pristine.
- CG brought up dog park. We now have enough people interested throughout town to be part of a committee or subcommittee to plan and maintain a dog park. JR to talk to Marie about how best to start this and make sure we go through the proper channels.
- JP brought up issues at town hall tennis court. There are many visible cracks. JP to send Curt Wilton pictures that he took to inquire about repairs. There is also a latch missing on the Tennis Court door. Basketball nets also need to be replaced.
- Next meeting 6/7 5pm
- 5:51PM Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by,

Joseph P Roy  
West Stockbridge Parks and Recreation Clerk

