

Exeter Memorial Day Parade Committee

Draft Minutes

February 7, 2017

Present were: Don Clement, (taking the place of Julie Gilman as our town select board advisor), Gary Lamphere, Al Brandano, Florence Ruffner, Jim Faber, Patsy Thayer.

- After putting in a lot of time and effort, Al Brandano was informed by the National Guard that we would not be able to have a static display of a helicopter, as we had hoped to have at the Powder House, due to the expense.... this is something to be followed up on for future parades.
- In lieu of the helicopter the National Guard will provide a Humvee and a color guard to lead the parade. Jim Faber will provide some direction for the color guard regarding protocols, as requested by the guard.
- The step off time for the parade will be 10:00 am from Swasey Parkway. We are coordinating our event with that of PEA and it works best for their schedule to have our ceremony at Gale Park conclude by 11:30 am.
- We will incorporate a trip to the cemetery in our program/itinerary (to be handed out to all participants and parade goers) so that those who wish to do so can walk there en masse.
- We will have a new committee member by our next meeting, Mike Lampert, who has so generously let us use his flatbed truck for our float.
- All of our members are currently working toward getting a commitment from each one of the participants from last year's parade as to whether or not they will join us this year as well. So far, we seem to have lots of yes responses and lots of enthusiasm!
- We will be asking Chief Shupe to join us at a meeting once we have determined the order of the parade so that he can advise us as to how best to keep the parade moving along the route.
- Don Clement agreed to speak to Chief Shupe regarding the various departments whose help will be needed to make sure that Gale Park has been taken care of - lawn mowed, garden beds weeded, etc. and to place plenty of trash receptacles around town, particularly at the Catholic Church parking lot as that is where we hope to serve food after the parade, weather permitting.
- Our next meeting will be March 7th at 10:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Thayer, secretary