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MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2019 MEETING

1. Chairman Pennoyer called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Pennoyer called the roll with: Al Boucher, John Fitzgerald, Lee Hardgrove, Nancy Hillner, Mary Ellen Madsen, Lou PaziENZA, and Bill Pennoyer as present. Douglas Somers, Stanley Spink, and Mark Zaccaria were noted as absent.
2. Pennoyer pointed out that the April 9 agenda and planned meeting followed all the requirements called for by town dictates and statute law.
3. As the town council council appointed new members to the committee it was necessary to call for the election of a chairman and secretary. By unanimous votes Bill Pennoyer was made chairman and Nancy Hillner secretary.
4. Pennoyer asked that the proposed minutes of the December 12, 2018 be tabled to give the opportunity to appropriately make adjustments as recorded in a later draft that was submitted to committee members. A motion to table the minutes was voted by unanimous consent.
5. An April 5, 2019 finance report presented to committee members showed a balance of \$2,655.79 in the group's account. Narragansett Flag located in the Bonnet Shores Shopping Plaza is now the source of the same flags used by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the graves of veterans which are located throughout the state made for an easy move to satisfy the December 12 vote calling for a stock of such flags for war memorials located in town. The report also noted that a Staples gift card has a balance of \$107.05 which is slated for the purpose of making lawn signs that will help identify the orders of march of those groups planning to take part in the town's parades as they gather in Wilson Park. By unanimous vote the report was accepted.
6. Pennoyer reported that he had neglected to anticipate a call from the town administration for a budget request for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. He explained that such action should have been an agenda item for consideration at an earlier meeting. As per the previous year, a request was made for an appropriation of \$1,000.00. A copy of all the paperwork associated with the request is on file in committee archives. Committee members are in possession of a January 11, 2019 report which accompanied the budget request. Come later in the year, a budget request for 2020-2021 will be on the agenda.
7. Committee members agreed to some 15 different occasions for the flagging of Wickford village.
A request will be made to the fire department to help remove all the accumulations from the flag pole receptacles imbedded into the sidewalks along Brown, Main, and West Main Streets.
8. Committee members reaffirmed their different responsibilities during the course of the May 27 Memorial Day commemoration. It was agreed that Mr. Pennoyer invite David Ainslie, the town's veterans representative, to take on the task of master of ceremonies at the traditional 9 AM wreath laying ceremonies.

9. By unanimous vote members called for a request to the finance department for a \$50.00 stipend to Janis Vancans for performing as bagpiper for the 9 AM ceremonies. All agreed that his efforts added a special poignancy to the occasion.
10. It was agreed that the eye catching ad that touted the November 11 World War One centennial in the Standard Times suggested that ads be placed as a means of increasing public knowledge for the September 11 Patriot Day flag-raising and the Pearl Harbor Remembrance commemoration slated for December 7. Mr. Pennoyer reported that Tony Lepore, the Dancing Cop, sees himself as being in the area for the November 11 Veterans Day Parade. This prompted a call for an agenda item which would allow a vote to appropriate a payment for his normal fee.
11. Discussion turned to means of gaining video recordings for both past and upcoming parades.
Ms. Hillner reported that she will tap a source in one of the state's television stations for the recording of the 2018 Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Pennoyer indicated that he will look to the high school video club to record this year's parade. Appropriate reports will be included in the next meeting's agenda.
12. All agreed to the suggestion made by Mr. Fitzgerald for a June 4 meeting.
13. A call to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:44 PM..