

PROPOSED MINUTES FOR NK PARADE COMMITTEE MEETING 5/11/21

- 1.** Chairman Pennoyer called the May 11th, 2021 regular meeting to order at 7:07, via Zoom. Recreation Department director Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs served as host. Present were Bill Pennoyer, Nancy Hillner, Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, Tom Spink, Lee Hardgrove, Al Boucher, Doreen Costa, Mary Ellen Madsen, Lou Pazienza, David Ainslie (VFW), and Will King (representative of the Never Forget Garden).
- 2.** Pursuant to RIGL, 42-46-6 (6), notice of this meeting has been posted on the website of the Secretary of State.
- 3.** Bill Pennoyer was re-elected as Chairman, Nancy Hillner was re-elected as Secretary.
- 4.** Minutes of the November 17th, 2020 meeting were approved.
- 5.** The Finance Report was accepted, balance shown was \$2,001.73.
- 6.** Recap of December 7, 2020 Pearl Harbor Day commemoration by those attending in person and watching on Zoom.
- 7.** 2021 Wickford Flagging Days approved.
- 8.** A Motion was made and approved to hold Memorial Day ceremonies similar to those held in 2020.
- 9.** Purchase option “a” was selected – to purchase 9 American flags at approximately \$125.55 (plus shipping and tax) for the newly installed receptacles by the Wickford Town Dock.
- 10.** Will King spoke on behalf of the August 7th Dedication of the Never Forget Garden at Updike Park, to remember all Unknown Soldiers, the “Old Guard” who watch over the Tomb in Arlington, and to recognize our local Gold Star Mothers. T
- 11.** \$50 stipend to bagpiper Janis Vancans was approved.
- 12.** Date set for next meeting: September 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm.
- 13.** There was Correspondence from Will King which consisted of emails that dealt with the upcoming dedication of the Never Forget Park which is slated for Updike Park. The emails will be part of the committee's permanent file
- 14.** David Ainsley, former commander of VFW Post 152 in North Kingstown, asked if the VFW could take over the 9/11 20th anniversary ceremony, and make it

a day long remembrance, with a formal opening ceremony, a 5K, and a barbecue, in accordance with all state and local ordinances.

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Chairman Pennoyer informed him that the committee no longer was involved with North Kingstown's 9/11 ceremony, the NK Fire Dept was now in charge. It is the committee's opinion that the collaboration of the VFW with the NKFD will make it a successful day.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.