

# EAST HARTFORD VETERANS COMMISSION

## EAST HARTFORD TOWN HALL

### WELLING CONFERENCE ROOM

#### Memorial Day Parade Committee

November 30, 2021

PRESENT: Chair John Cook, Vincent Parys, James Shelmerdine, Connor Martin, Ros White, Craig Jordan, Dan Lareau, Robert Venti, Candy Guastamachio, John Lawlor

ABSENT: John Lawlor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: the commission was led in the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He announced the exit locations in accordance with CT General Statutes §29-381.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: none

ROLL CALL: as indicated above.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION: Town resident xxxxxx stated that he was pleased that the Parade would be coming back.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None – first meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOICES - none

OLD BUSINESS - none

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. It was agreed that the Parade Committee will meet twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in the Welling Conference Room at 5:00 pm. Ros White will make the necessary arrangements to schedule the room at those times.
2. The parade has been scheduled for May 30, 2022 at 10:00AM.
3. The preferred ending point of the parade is the "Fallen Star" monument at Goodwin University.
4. A sub-committee was appointed with the following members to determine possible parade routes and to make their recommendations to the committee at the 12/7/21 meeting. Members are: Dan Lareau, Craig Jordan, John Lawlor, John Cook, Connor Martin.
5. Connor Martin will get more information about permitting and approvals.
6. John Cook will ask the Mayor's office to help identify local and state elected officials to participate.
7. Craig Jordan has filed a request with the Department of Defense to secure military units for participation.
8. Ros White will contact service organizations in East Hartford to see if they are interested in participating and will contact Town Departments for their participation.

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9. Candy Guastamachio has already contacted the EHHS marching band. She will also coordinate the musical portion of the parade.
10. John Cook will ask about any liability issues and/or coverage that has to be addressed.
11. Honors squad for rifle honors to be identified.
12. Craig Jordan stated that he has contacted the Talcott Highlanders and that have a charge for their participation however, Goodwin University would pay for it.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION        By Vincent Parys  
                     Seconded by James Shelmerdine  
                     Motion carried 9/0 at 8:36

Submitted by:

Chairman John Cook