

**EAST HARTFORD VETERANS COMMISSION**  
**EAST HARTFORD TOWN HALL**  
**Goodwin University Vet Center/OASIS 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**  
**Memorial Day Parade Committee**

March 7, 2023 @ 5:00PM

PRESENT: John Cook, Candy Guastamachio, Paul Barry, Craig Jordan, Connor Martin

ABSENT: none

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: add item for approval of minutes for 2/21/23

MOTION        By Paul Barry  
                      Seconded by Craig Jordan  
                      Motion approved 5/0

ROLL CALL: as indicated above.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR: February 21, 2023

MOTION        By Paul Barry  
                      Seconded by Craig Jordan  
                      Motion carried 5/0

COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOICES - none

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial day parade reports from team leaders:

- 1) Candy Guastamachio – Parade Team Leader
  - (1) Possible that UCONN band march.
  - (2) Waiting on possible fife and drum units
  - (3) Status of Save the date
  - (4) Bagpiper is good for Sunday memorial.
- 2) Craig Jordan – Presentation and speakers team leader
  - (1) Pipers from last year are not available this year.
  - (2) Report on conversations with History Department of EHHS re possible student project for Gold Star.
    - (a) John Cook report on new program sponsored by Veterans Commission for Juniors and Sophomores at EHHS for essay contest of “What Memorial Days Means”.
- 3) Connor Martin – Post event team leader
  - (1) Coordinate with
    - (a) Police department
    - (b) State Police to close Willow St ramps from and to Rt 2.
    - (c) Public Works

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- (d) Fire Department
  - (e) Will coordinate with Town Departments and secure permits from State to close off Willow Street exits on Rt. 2.
  - (f) Report on committed sponsors and sponsorship levels.
  - (g) Ads?
  - (h) Will look into the participants, sponsors, and vendors enrollment forms on the website to make sure they are updated.
- 4) Misc.
- (1) Grand Marshall was suggested. John will run by Veterans Commission.
  - (2) See if Coke and Pratt & Whitney will participate in the parade.
  - (3) Tents by the Canoe club along with food trucks.
  - (4) First aide tent by presentation stand.
  - (5) Water tables at a couple of places along route.
  - (6) Police dogs for the Post event.
  - (7) Dedication program to Vinnie Parys
  - (8) Status of Grand Marshall

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION        By Candy Guastamachio  
                      Seconded by Connor Martin  
                      Motion carried 5/0 at 4:49PM

Submitted by:

Chairman John Cook