

# EAST HARTFORD VETERANS COMMISSION

## EAST HARTFORD TOWN HALL

Goodwin University Vet Center/OASIS 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### Memorial Day Parade Committee

February 7, 2023 @ 5:00PM

PRESENT: John Cook, Candy Guastamachio, Paul Barry. Connor Martin

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: none

ROLL CALL: as indicated above.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR: none this is first meeting

COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOICES - none

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Memorial day parade reports from team leaders:

- 1) Candy Guastamachio – Parade Team Leader
  - (1) Asked for access to the google doc used previously
  - (2) Recommended getting another bank and the committee agreed.
- 2) Craig Jordan – Presentation and speakers team leader
  - (1) Suggested a slightly revised parade route going straight down Riverside Dr rather than detouring into the front area of the University.
  - (2) Craig will check with the Portland Pipers to see if they will participate again.
- 3) Connor Martin – Post event team leader
  - (1) Will handle contacting food vendors.
  - (2) Will coordinate with Town Departments and secure permits from State to close off Willow Street exits on Rt. 2.
  - (3) Will look into the participants, sponsors, and vendors enrollment forms on the website.
- 4) Misc.
  - (1) Grand Marshall was suggested. John will run by Veterans Commission.
  - (2) Suggested that we dedicate the Parade to Vinnie Parys. Former Commissioner and lifetime advocate for Veterans and for East Hartford's memorial day parade.
  - (3) Craig Jordan will also check with the EHHS History Department concerning the essay contest for Gold Star biographies.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Paul Barry  
                  Seconded by Art Parker  
                  Motion carried 4/0 at 5:50PM

Submitted by:

Chairman John Cook