

## TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Memorial Day Parade Committee
Sub Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 23, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom & Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Present: Austin Tanner, Joe Voccio, Lou Brodeur, Joanne Eiler, Courtney Crofts, Lisa Mileski,

**Recording Secretary** 

Also Present: Sandy Brodeur

**Absent:** TFC Kyle Ambrose, Pam Nichols

1. Call to Order: A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 5:25 pm

- 2. Approve Minutes 01/26/23: J. Eiler made a motion to accept the meetings of 01/26/23 and J. Voccio seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.
- 3. Public Comments: None
- 4. Discussion on Possible Split of Committee
  - a) Fun Day for Recreation
  - b) Parade for Selectmen
  - C. Crofts made a motion to have the Parade on Memorial Day and to have Fun Day on a different day. J. Eiler concurred. Discussion was held that the Parade would be on May 29, 2023, and Fun Day would be held on a different day; possibly 07/29/23 or 08/05/23. R. Sangermano will go the Rec Dept and check on this. The Recreation Department will handle most of Fun Day with the help of others and perhaps include Brooklyn businesses who want to get involved.
- 5. Discussion on planning for 2023: For the parade, discussion was held about inviting more Veteran groups and having floats for the Vets to ride, boyscouts, girlscouts, having tractors, golf carts, convertibles. C. Crofts will check with the Killingly School Band to see if they would march. Fun Day could include having different things happening at different locations with bands, cornhole, tug-a-war, talent show, karaoke. The events need to be advertised since we are doing them separately. We should make the Fun Day a tradition, like last Saturday of July or whatever we decide. We can advertise through the schools. We need a stronger power source so the sound will be better for the speeches. The event needs to be solemn and more meaningful and focused on the holiday, patriotism, and people who lost their lives; the children need to understand why they are there. Volunteers will be needed to keep everyone in order.
- J. Voccio will look into getting the call list circulated; L. Brodeur will check with the fairgrounds about the speaker system. Highway needs to make sure the grounds are mowed.

- 7. Set Next Meeting Date: 03/30/23 at 5:00 pm and hopefully two more in April. Everyone should come to the meeting with their ideas.
- 8. Public Comment: S. Brodeur stated that she liked the idea of having firetrucks in the parade. There was discuss on borrowing wagons with seats from Allen Hill Tree Farm that could be decorated for the parade; having baton twirlers.
- 9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary