



## TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Memorial Day Parade Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 8, 2023, 6:00 pm  
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building  
and via Zoom

**Present:** Austin Tanner, Lou Brodeur, Joe Voccio, Richard Dvorin, Courtney Crofts, Joann Eiler, David Lee, Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
2. **Approve Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2023:**
3. **Public Comment:** No public comment
4. **Recap of Parade:** We should look into creating and/or re-doing the banner to hang over the highway weeks before the parade. We should also advertise to get more Veterans to participate in the parade so we can have two wagons. We could send out invitations to Veterans based on the Tax Assessor's list and post on Facebook. We should also do written invitations to the Killingly School Band and Former Selectmen. Perhaps we could have old cars in the parade. The flags that are put all over Town need to be taken out of the boxes beforehand, so they are not wrinkled. We need a Grand Marshal for sure for next year's parade and a Master of Ceremonies as well. J. Eiler read the definition of a Grand Marshall: "someone whose made significant contributions to the quality of life in town whether it be in areas of civic or social services, humanitarianism, or to personal achievements such as athletics or the arts". Maybe we could put something out there and have Town residents nominate someone ahead of time. L. Brodeur suggested that the Town start doing press releases. The Fairgrounds need to be inspected before the parade so the stage can be cleaned off. We should have a podium on stage and make sure that there are plenty of chairs. The wreaths need to be placed before the parade. Should there be a Veteran's salute at the Fairgrounds with firing and taps? The guests of the parade were pleased to sit in the bandstand. It would probably be more appropriate for the Minister and maybe others to speak at the cemetery instead of at the Ceremony before the parade. It was hard to hear the speakers at the Monuments so this needs to be addressed. We also had lots of drinks left. We should make two lines for handing out the donuts and the cheese after the parade in the Better Living Building, and perhaps get less donuts as well had ten dozen remaining. We should probably get the coffee started before the ceremony, and maybe have less of it or not have it at all. We should definitely make it a point to have a committee next year for the Memorial Day Parade
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary