



## TOWN OF BROOKLYN

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Memorial Day Parade Committee  
Sub Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 5:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom & Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

**Present:** Austin Tanner, Joe Voccio, Richard Dvorin, Joanne Eiler, David Costa, Courtney Crofts, Steve Breen

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

1. **Call to Order:** A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm
2. **Approve Minutes of April 27, 2023:** J. Eiler made a motion to approve the minutes; R. Dvorin seconded; and the minutes of April 27, 2023 were approved.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Discussion on Parade**
  - **Route**
  - **Grand Marshall**
  - **Participants**
  - **Program**
  - **Delegation of Duties**
5. **Fairgrounds**
6. **Speakers**
  - Please see attached flyer for all information on parade.
  - C. Crofts needs a list of who is in the parade and some poster board and she will organize people and being the traffic controller.
  - S. Breen is to check with Dan Ledagar about being Grand Marshall for the parade and if so, he will get information regarding Mr. Ledagar so he can be introduced.
  - R. Dvorin is the liaison for the Veterans and has lined up approximately 10 to 11 Veterans to march in the parade.
  - A. Tanner will check with Ryan from the Fairgrounds about the fair speaker, the overhead doors, and make sure there are receptacles, etc. at Fairgrounds for trash and will have the Recreation Department collect trash on Tuesday.
  - A. Tanner will order and pick up the wreaths from Sunshine Florist.
  - R. Dvorin would like a wreath before the parade and will set up a Veteran and a boy scout to lay a wreath at the WW1 Monument.
  - Wagons will go into cemetery. A. Tanner and R. Dvorin will take a walk through the cemetery to check it out.
  - Fire Departments are responsible for generator at cemetery and for donuts, coffee, soda and cheese. There is extra soda, candy, and chips leftover from Earth Day at the Community Center.
  - Jon Don will take care of the speak at the cemetery
  - S. Breen will display flag on back of stage at Fairgrounds.
  - L. Brodeur is handling the wagons and decorations for the wagons.
  - A. Tanner will investigate how the flags get placed in the cemetery.
  - A. Tanner will speak with S. Vogt about her role in the parade.

- Next meeting will be Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 5:00 pm

**7. Public Comment:** None

**8. Adjourn:** S. Breen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; C. Crofts seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary

**BROOKLYN 2023 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, MAY 29, 2023**

**Prior to Parade: Robert Lee, S. Breen, and Post 21 to take care of the wreath at Lawton Pond**

**8:00am-9:00am All meet at the Fairgrounds, Corner of Route 169 and Fairgrounds Road Gate**

**Everyone will sit in the grandstands for the ceremony**

- 9:00am** Masters of Ceremonies: Austin Tanner
1. Pledge of Allegiance by YM-PFC Christopher Comtois
  2. Introduction and facts about Grand Marshall
  3. National Anthem by the Brooklyn Middle School Band
  4. Gettysburg Address by Tomas Guitierrez
  5. General Logan's Memorial Day Order by Selectman
  6. Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by Tomas
  7. Introduction of Sherri Vogt and Speech
  8. Introductions of Representative Patrick Boyd, Senator Mae Flexer, Representative Doug Dubitsky and Speeches
- Mark Dauphinais
9. Invocation by Reverend Jane Newall of Federated Church of Christ
  10. Introduction of Austin Stone and singing of America the Beautiful
  11. Announce that parade members should follow direction from Courtney Crofts and Joann Eiler

**Courtney Crofts and Joann Eiler will direct the members of the parade and line them up accordingly and hand out small flags to pass out to the spectators**

**PARADE LEAVES FAIRGROUNDS 10-15 MINUTES AFTER CEREMONY  
LINE OF MARCH AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Grand Marshall
2. Dignitaries – Representative Patrick Boyd, Senator Mae Flexer, Representative Doug Dubitsky
3. Clergy
4. Color Guard
5. Firing Squad
6. Veterans of All Wars
7. Young Marines
8. Brooklyn Band
9. Boy Scouts
10. Cub Scouts
11. Girl Scouts
12. Brownies
13. Little League
14. Soccer League
15. 4-H
16. Fire Departments

Parade takes a left out of Fairgrounds onto 169 toward center of Town.

1. Wreath to be laid by Veteran and Boy Scout
2. Fire Squad and Taps
3. Prayer by David Burgess of Federated Church of Christ

Bugler Plays Taps (At same time, Veteran and Boy Scout place wreath on Monument (3) in front of bank, (1) at Mortlake monument, (1) at Putnam Statue and (1) at Post Office statue)

Parade continues and takes a left onto Brooklyn Common to the end. Then right onto Route 6 and then right again onto Route 169. Then down into the South Cemetery and circling the Flagpole Area:

1. Memorial Day Speech by Austin Tanner or Grand Marshall
2. Cover them Over with Beautiful Flowers Poem by Rowan Curran
3. Young Marine and Veteran to lay wreath
4. Prayer by Reverend Jane Newall of Federated Church of Christ
5. Firing Squad Fires Volley and Bugler Plays TAPS

Parade dissipates and everyone proceeds to Fairgrounds for donuts, cheese, and drinks in the Better Living Building,