

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee was held via Zoom Teleconference on February 25, 2021.

ATTENDANCE: David Bell, Sue McCrory, Julissica Navarro-Norton, Rob Norton and Tom Valle.

Also in attendance: Jim Hollister of the National Park Service
Phil Kenney of the Concord Independent Battery
Sally Sanford of the Concord Independent Battery

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm, a quorum being present.

1. The Committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting held on February 18, 2021. Rob moved approval, Tom seconded the motion, and approval passed unanimously.
2. Invoices: There were no pending invoices presented at this time.
3. The Committee discussed Patriots' Day 2021. Julissica recently met with the Town Manager and others, who have a number of ideas for celebrating Patriots Day 2021, including promoting a "shop local" campaign, flags flying throughout April, and an idea to get well-known Concordians to read the Longfellow poem on video.

David raised a concern that the Committee does not have the time nor bandwidth to manage all this beyond our normal events, adjusted for 2021. Julissica agreed that the Committee is responsible for the Parade, such as it will be, and will convey that to the participants in her prior meeting.

The Committee discussed the video version of the parade. Tom expressed concern that we had not yet contacted the Minuteman Network and that much would depend on their ability to assist. Tom will email Phil of the MMN tomorrow to gauge their ability to assist.

Jim Hollister reported that the NPS is working with the Concord Museum and the Lexington and Arlington Historical Societies on events for Patriots Day, including a Vigil reading of those who died on April 19, 1775 to be held on April 18, 2021. The Committee expressed interest in being involved in this.

4. The Committee discussed Dawn Salute and holding a live but scaled-down version of the event. Jim will run it by the Chief Ranger to get permission for this to go forward.
5. The Committee discussed the 2021 Honored Citizen. It was agreed, since two members had to drop off shortly, to meet again on March 4 at 6pm to discuss and vote on the 2021 Honoree.
6. Public Comment – none
7. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom.
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Valle - Member