



# TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

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## Veteran's and Memorial Day Committee Meeting Minutes

2.3.25

7:00 PM

Veteran's and Memorial Day Committee Meeting Minutes –

Location: Bellingham, MA VFW

Members in attendance via roll call:

Chair, Jim Hastings  
Vice Chair, Sam Cowell  
Secretary, Nick Mobilia  
Chris Condon  
Lori Fafard  
Matt Linehan

Absent:

Tom Earnest  
Treasurer, Paula Saliba  
Karl Johnson

Jim Hastings opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The committee appoints officers:

Ms. Fafard motions to appoint Jim Hastings as Chairman, which Mr. Cowell seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Mobilia motions to appoint Sam Cowell as Vice Chairman, which Mr. Hastings seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Linehan motions to appoint Paula Saliba as Treasurer, which Mr. Mobilia seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Condon motions to appoint Nick Mobilia as Secretary, which Mr. Cowell seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Hastings opens the discussion by announcing May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as the anticipated Memorial parade date.

Mr. Hastings updates the committee on various items that need to be addressed in the coming months:

Ms. Fafard plans to approach the BHS band and brief them on their responsibilities (National Anthem, Taps)

Minutes Continued...

Ms. Fafard plans to coordinate with 4th-grade students marching in the parade. She hopes to acquire various Memorial Day books to share with the students.

Mr. Cowell plans to approach the BMS bands and update them on the parade day's events schedule.

The Committee then discusses parade theme ideas. Mr. Hastings shares the following milestone events:

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lexington and Concord

250<sup>th</sup> Army birthday

250<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps birthday

75 years since the start of the Korean War

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE and VJ Day

The committee expresses interest in the 250<sup>th</sup> milestones, VE, and VJ Day. Mr. Hastings suggests we have floats related to each milestone.

Mr. Hastings reminds the committee of mulch spreading and flag placing at memorials and cemeteries.

The committee discusses their next steps including reaching out to additional bands and organizations.

No further discussion.

Mr. Cowell motioned to close the meeting with a second from Mr. Mobilia; the vote was unanimous. The meeting closed at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Mobilia  
Committee Secretary