

# Deering Patriotic Committee

## Mission Statement

The Deering Patriotic Committee is comprised of Deering citizens, appointed by the Selectmen, who volunteer their time with a mission to foster patriotism and inspire pride in Deering.

## Membership

The committee is comprised of three (3) voting members and (2) alternates serving staggered three (3) year terms. The Committee shall elect the following officers from its members: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Officers are elected for a one (1) year term at the first regular meeting following the annual town meeting. Community members are encouraged and welcome to attend meetings and volunteer their time to assist the committee in achieving its mission.

## Duties & Responsibilities

- The Deering Patriotic Committee shall develop, plan, coordinate, supervise, and conduct programs and activities that foster patriotism and inspire pride in Deering, and to make recommendations for such programs and activities to the Board of Selectmen for approval.
- The Deering Patriotic Committee is responsible for the care and posting of flags on patriotic holidays and for recognized events.
- The Deering Patriotic Committee shall monitor the status of the flagpole and flags, and make recommendations for repair or replacement when required/needed.
- The Deering Patriotic Committee shall determine lighting requirements for flags flown overnight, and coordinate with the Board of Selectmen to ensure proper lighting.
- The Deering Patriotic Committee is requested to observe the following holidays:
  - Memorial Day, Traditional and Observed (May)
  - Flag Day (June 14<sup>th</sup>)
  - Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>)
  - Patriot Day (September 11<sup>th</sup>)
  - Veteran's Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>)
- The Deering Patriotic Committee may elect to assist with events and planning for other patriotic occasions not specifically listed above.
- The Deering Patriotic Committee is authorized to display any of the following flags on Deering property near the veteran wall: United States flag, State of New Hampshire flag, POW-MIA, branches of the United States Armed Forces, and the Town of Deering flag.

## Meetings

The Deering Patriotic Committee shall meet at least quarterly and may schedule special meetings on an as-needed basis. All meetings of the Committee shall be held in Deering Town Hall. Meetings shall be properly posted per NH RSA 91-A. A quorum of two (2) members is required to conduct business.

## Records

Minutes of the Committee meetings shall be kept in accordance with the provisions of RSA 91-A and shall be submitted to the Town Administrator for posting on the Town of Deering website.