

Deering Patriot Committee
March 20th, 2023
7:00pm - Deering Town Hall
Minutes

Call to Order – 7:05

1. Pledge of Allegiance
1. Elections of positions on the board – Donn Mann – Chairman / John Reynolds – Vice Chairman / Elizabeth Kirby – Secretary / Ruth Reynolds – Alternate / Rob Cilic – Alternate
2. Outline what we do for each commemorative day –
Memorial Day May 29th - Add branch flags to the Veteran's Memorial – Ceremony
Flag Day – June 14th –
Independence Day – July 4th –
Purple Heart Day – August 7th
9/11 – Ceremony
Veteran's Day – Add branch flags to the Veteran's Memorial - Ceremony
3. Flagpole lighting – Discussion regarding best way to light the flag pole and John Reynolds to get quotes from local suppliers.
4. What flags are needed to be ordered – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard – for display at Veteran's Memorial during military holidays.
Order spare US Flag – discussed size needed – currently 5' x 8' but we're looking at going larger. Order POW flag.
5. Donn Mann to contact Hillsboro Legion and Troop 529 in Weare for ceremonies for Memorial Day, 9/11 and Veterans' Day.
6. Elizabeth Kirby provided information on a US Flag program like Weare Flags Fly. Flags, poles and stakes. The stakes remain and the flags are set up 2 days before each holiday and removed 2 days after. The flags are bought in bulk and then for \$50 for those under 60 and \$35 for those over 60 the flag program runs from May to November. We will look for volunteers to help with this program. Donn Mann made a motion to move forward with this program. Elizabeth Kirby seconded, and motion passed.
7. John Reynolds suggested hosting a flag retirement event at the Town Hall and then bring the flags to the Legion in Hillsboro for proper retirement. Date selected – May 6 from 9 – 12. Donn Mann made a motion to collect retired flags, accept donations and advertise Deering Flags Fly. Final costs to be determined at April meeting.
8. Next meeting – April 3, 2023 – 7pm Deering Town Hall
9. Other business not listed.

Donn Mann motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:45. Elizabeth Kirby seconded. Motion Passed.