

# Norton Gold Star Committee

## MSG Gregory Trent Memorial Dedication

### Minutes

Meeting Date: April 20th, 2013 @ 8:30 AM

Members present: Chris Cox, Bob Kimball, John Danahey, Bill Avril

Additional attendees: Ed Brault, Jim Kelliher, Fred Williams, Donna Ross, Kerry Reynolds, Mike Johns

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Cox at 8:35a.m.

The meeting location was at the Norton Town Hall

The minutes from the previous meeting were read, a motion raised to accept the minutes was seconded, and unanimously approved

The primary agenda for the meeting is to discuss the details and logistics surrounding the Memorial Day parade and MSG Trent Memorial Park dedication ceremony.

John Danahey provided an update on the Massachusetts Army National Guard Honor Guard availability, at this time the request has been forwarded and we are waiting for confirmation.

Ed Brault brought to the meeting the items required for the reception after the parade at the Yelle school, the VFW will order the remaining items needed and deliver to the school on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May.

Ed Brault briefed the Committee on the order of march for the parade and the logistics that will need to be addressed, PA system, traffic control, etc.

Ed Brault asked John Danahey to be the Marshall for the parade and to prepare a speech for delivery at the Town Common

Project updates were provided by Bob Kimball:

- a. Concrete walk stamping is complete
- b. Concrete sealing scheduled

- c. Irrigation system will be installed within 2 weeks
- d. Bob Kimball will be coordinating the “as-built” plan
- e. National Grid has an Arborist looking into the site to shield the transformers from view of the MSG Trent Park
- f. Benches are on order and we save \$195 by avoiding the delivery fees

A discussion around the dedication of the flag flown in Afghanistan followed, and the intent remains to present the flag to the Norton Schools to be displayed in a prominent place (preferably in the high school display case)

The Committee confirmed that the larger flag of the two options should be flown at the site permanently

A discussion of project financials followed, fund raising to date has netted approximately \$40,000.00, and monies continue to be received

All T-Shirt sales monies and an inventory of shirts needs to be given to Donna Ross so that she can order the next batch of shirts

The meat raffle at the American Legion brought in \$800.00 in fund raising

The Bike Run coordination meeting will be held at the VFW 12:30 on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April

A conversation around Bike Run logistics followed

Kerry Reynolds updated the Committee on donations and status

Motion was raised, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:51a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Norton Town Hall at 1:00 p.m.