Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a meeting of the Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee was held at the Harvey Wheeler Building, 1276 Main Street, on May 20, 2019.

ATTENDANCE: John Arena (Chair), Trish Ng, Rob Norton, and Tom Valle.

GUESTS: Alice Galinat, Linda Escobedo.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm, a quorum being present.

1. The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the prior meeting held on May 13.

2. Old Business:
   a. Invoices – the Committee unanimously approved the following invoices:
      - Wayside Florist for $173, made up of $45 for the wreath for Meriam’s Corner and $128 for Patriots’ Day wreaths.

3. The Committee discussed Memorial Day and reviewed the “To Do” list for the event. The Committee will meet at 7:15am at the Reviewing Stand in Concord Center to set up.

   The Committee then discussed the request to include the poem, “It is the Soldier,” in the ceremony. Rob observed that the majority of the reaction to the poem is controlled by how it is delivered, and would be fine with including it or not. Trish stated she was not in favor of including the poem and favors a focus on D-Day this year for Memorial Day, views which Tom endorsed. After further discussion the Committee voted unanimously against including “It is the Soldier” in the 2019 Memorial Day events. Linda Escobedo observed that the Committee had conducted appropriate diligence in researching possibilities and considering this suggestion. She praised the Committee for its management of the 2019 Public Ceremonies to date.

4. Public Comment – Alice noted that the DAR has a wreath ready for laying at the WWII Memorial in recognition of the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

5. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:00pm at Harvey Wheeler.

6. Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Valle, Member