

BOROUGH OF TUCKERTON

PRIDE & CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES: Wednesday – March 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Martin at 7:03 PM. The Open Public Meeting Act statement was read by the Secretary. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Sue Marshall.

ATTENDANCE:

Barbara Baumann	Renee Gioiello	Brian Martin	Wayne Martin	Nancy Peterson
Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent

Also in Attendance: Mayor Sue Marshall

Recording of Hours since January 22, 2025:

Barbara Baumann	Renee Gioiello	Brian Martin	Wayne Martin	Nancy Peterson
3.5	2	12	4	Absent

Approval of February 26, 2025 meeting minutes.

Ms. Gioiello made a motion to approve the February 26, 2025 minutes; the motion was second by Ms. Baumann. All in favor; none opposed.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Chairman Martin started with Easter. Pride and Celebration will join the First United Methodist Church of Tuckerton with an Easter Egg Hunt at noon. Chairman Martin dropped the pre-filled eggs. Discussion was held with regard how the committee will assist with the Easter Egg Hunt stations. Chairman Martin spoke about Arbor Day. He mentioned it was brought to his attention that Elaine McClure should be honored with her husband Bill.

Motion to honor Elaine and Bill McClure was made by Mr. Wayne Martin, the motion was second by Ms. Gioiello. All in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Martin mentioned town wide yard sale is June 7th. The chairman then spoke about flags on telephone poles that are sponsored by a family member. He then talked about the summer concerts. Still trying to fill July 25th. Mr. Brian Martin went on to the annual Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy & Gunning Show. A lengthy conversation between the committee members with regard to participating with the church this year at the show. The Chairman then went on to Halloween. Last year the committee wanted to do a bonfire on Halloween but due to the severe drought it was canceled. This

year the committee would like to do the bonfire the night before Halloween. Possibly getting the Historical Society involved where they can do the tale of Ebenezer Tucker. Following that is Ye Olde Christmas in Tuckerton. Like last year, Chairman Martin would like to give a flyer to each business inviting them to the October meeting to discuss Ye Olde Christmas. It's a town wide walk. The idea is to get everybody walking around town and going into all the different businesses.

Members Forum:

Wayne Martin mentioned he is not able to frame or shadowbox a blanket that was from the 1984 Tuckerton Founder's Day. Chairman Martin believes it has all the signatures of the trustees from the library and the librarian, and somebody stitched them onto the blanket. Mr. Wayne Martin then asked who planted the flowers along route 9 last year. Chairman Martin stated Kaylyn Ullman and the Environmental Commission. However, it is the business owner's responsibility to water and maintain them. The Commission also wants to remove all the trees on route 9 and replace them. The trees along route 9 have a root system that goes out to the sides and comes up and that is why we are losing so many bricks and their destroying the sidewalks. Kaylyn and the Commission really want to beautify Main Street. Mr. Wayne Martin suggested maybe Sandy T's Garden Center, Hand's Garden Center and landscaping businesses may want to sponsor the flower boxes and have a sign on it.

Public Forum:

Mr. Brian Martin made a motion to open public forum; the motion was second by Ms. Gioiello. All in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Martin introduced Ms. Bonnie Fay who formally owned Splashes. Splashes is now owned by her daughter. The Chair briefly explained to Ms. Fay the year-long events sponsored by Pride & Celebration.

Ms. Gioiello made a motion to open public forum; the motion was second by Mr. Wayne Martin. All in favor; none opposed.

Approval of Secretary Services.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Barbara Baumann	X			
X		Renee Gioiello	X			
		Brian Martin	X			
	X	Wayne Martin	X			
		Nancy Peterson				X

Adjournment – Chairman at 8:25 PM

Motion by Ms. Gioiello, second by Mr. Wayne Martin; all in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully submitted:

April D. Elley, Secretary