

## Arlington Uncle Sam Committee Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2014,  
Town Hall, Arts Room, Senior Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Laurie McKinney

Members Present:

Laurie McKinney, Chair  
Zarina Memon

### **Proceedings:**

- meeting *called* to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Laurie McKinney
- Held a moment of silence in the wake of the Boston Marathon Bombing anniversary.
- March 25, 2014 meetings were reviewed and approved
  
- Chair's Report:  
**Patriot Day:**
  - Reenactment of junior Samuel Wilson to meet Paul Revere and William Dawes on their rides.
    - Member, Zarina Memon, found a young man, 10 year old Tade Kotyan, from her neighborhood to play the part.
    - Role requires costume (to be taken care by boy's mom, Carmel Murphy-Kotyan), drums (to be taken care by LMK), and a tricorn hat (to be taken care by ZGM). Of note, a true account of history: after the rides by Revere and Dawes, Sam Wilson played a drum to warn the residents to the British arrival.
    - Discussed giving an apple to the horses of the National Lancers, if they approve.
    - Discussed the notices sent to the Arlington Advocate for Patriot Day event, along with the expectation of press, such as Boston Globe for the event planned.
    - Give some token of appreciation for Tade – decided on money (\$25). Get a drum for the young re-enactor- true to history since Sam Wilson played the drum to warn the residents to the British arrival. Get a tricorn hat. Get phrases for him to say to Paul Revere and William Dawes at the time of the ride.
    - Consider an Uncle Sam dress up competition in the future as an addition to Parade, Revere Ride for Patriots Day in the future. Also invite the man who changed his name to Uncle Sam (a man who lives in Quincy).

- Since there was a story in the Arlington Advocate about House Bill 2813 to establish Uncle Sam Day in Massachusetts. LMK will also make flyers, which will be handed out to people along with buttons.
- **Other business:**
  - ZGM has still to be sworn in as the Secretary; will discuss this Town Moderator, John Leone at the Town Meetings.
  - Still await the FB page administration to be reassigned; will contact previous administrator, Carl Wagner to adjust this.
  - Uncle Sam Sign as per Article 52 of 2012 TM – unfortunately the signs have been completed and all but the Uncle Sam sign have been placed on town property. The Uncle Sam sign is in storage until the Mystic St/Mass Ave and Bike Path/ Tourism booth have been readjusted. Article still up for discussion at TM.
  - Briefly discussed Articles 42/43 for town meeting.
  - Consider an Uncle Sam statue or plaque at the border of Arlington/Cambridge lines to inform tourists/visitors of one of our biggest town historical values.
  - Consider changing the logo of town especially on the fire trucks. The committee has many art work related to Uncle Sam and willing to use these instead of a flaming skull on some of our emergency vehicles.
- Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Zarina Memon