

**TOWN OF BOLTON  
VETERANS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 9:30 A.M.**

Present: Kathy Walsh, Paul Toomey, Jim Clark, Ernie Richardson and Barry Stearns

Others present:

Not present: G. Carini, Linda Rudolph

**1. Call to Order**

K. Walsh called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

**Motion to seat committee members**

Motion to seat Jim Clark and Paul Toomey as voting members for this commission

1<sup>st</sup> Moved: Kathy Walsh

2<sup>nd</sup> moved: Barry Stearns

**Against:** None

**Absent:** Two.

**2. Approval Minutes**

a. November 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Kathy Walsh put forward a motion to approve the November Meeting minutes.

**Motion:** A motion to approve the meeting minutes from November.

**1<sup>st</sup> Moved:** Kathy Walsh

**2<sup>nd</sup> moved:** Ernie Richardson

**Against:** None

**Absent:** Two.

**3. Update on Veterans Luncheon**

Linda Rudolph spoke at the Veterans Luncheon, and it was very well received. Members from our commission went: Kathy Walsh and Barry Stearns. It was very well put together.

The Veterans Program at Bolton Center School was very moving and heartfelt all the students, staff and Administration did a wonderful job. All the Veterans attending were very appreciative for the program. Thank you, letters were sent to both the Director of Senior Services and the Superintendent of Bolton Public Schools by the Commission.

The letters were passed around in the meeting for all to read.

Card sent by the First Selectman was reviewed also and passed around the Commission.

**4. Annual Report-Informational Only**

This report has been passed into the Bolton Town Hall as it was approved the last meeting.

**5. Patriotic Tree for the festival of trees and Raffle basket**

We submitted a tree to the festival of trees and a raffle basket from the Commission. This was to promote the Commission and communicate our mission.

**6. Review of Monuments on the Green Report**

B. Stearns reported that he had checked about getting a bronze plaque similar to the ones that we already have mounted on the other stones in front of the green. The plaque alone would cost approximately 3,000 dollars. We would have to obtain a stone to mount it on. The last meeting L. Rudolph had stated that she could get help to obtain a stone and get it to the green. It was also stated previously that the town crew would be able to assist. B. Stearns stated that he would be able to mount it. There was also discussion regarding the medallions at the cemetery and that this would replace it. The medallions were 7,000. Dollars And have been stolen for the metals.

Motion: To move forward with moving forward with the addition of a stone and a plaque to the Town Green.

**1st Moved:** Kathy Walsh

**2nd moved:** Barry Stearns

**Against:** None

**Absent:** Two

**Action:** B. Stearns will write proposal for submission to the Selectman. We will look at response and address in January meeting.

**Motion : To Change the order of the meeting to discuss next years Budget from other.**

**1st Moved:** Kathy Walsh

**2nd moved:** P. Toomey

**Against:** None

**Absent:** Two

Last years budget was passed out and discussion took place to submit the same budget as last year. We are trying to stay at the same budget as last year in the town due to reevaluation. Our budget is very small.

Motion: Keep the budget the same as last year's submission.

**1st Moved:** Kathy Walsh

**2nd moved:** P. Toomey

**Against:** None

**Absent:** Two

**Action:** K. Walsh will submit budget by Dec 21<sup>st</sup> as requested by Town.

**7. Area to Share Informational Packets for Veterans**

This was discussed about asking for an area to place Veteran's information in the town. Suggestions made for the Senior Center or the Town Hall. L. Rudolph had brought some very helpful information per the Commission Members regarding Veterans benefits and programs.

**Action:** Walsh K will check with Senior Center and Town Hall.

**8. Veterans Day Coffee House in Bolton**

Deferred until a further discussion can take place.

**9. Education for Commission**

Deferred for further discussion until next month.

**10. Possible Space to House Veterans Museum**

Discussion regarding asking for a place to house a small Veterans Museum. It was discussed that where the Resident Trooper is housed there is space. Not sure the best way to approach this so we need to decide where we would get items from, when it would be open.etc.

**Action:** More discussion at the next meeting.

**11. Ct. General Statutes**

Will take this off agenda. We have not received an answer.

**12. Tax Relief Program**

B. Morra is to bring this back to Selectman in the next several months after the new Board of Selectman are on board. There will need to be another discussion with the new Board.

**Action:** The Commission will need to continue the process of promoting this proposal and will have to write another proposal most likely.

**13. Flag Box**

The Boy scouts are still working on this project. We should get an update for February.

**Action:** K Walsh will continue to follow-up. Paul Toomey will inform the committee about the mailbox in Manchester when the Postmaster decides.

**14. Day Parade Coordination**

We will review this is the next meeting in depth because we will need to decide who can help and organize pieces of the parade.

**15. Other**

- a. Any New Agenda items

There were no new agenda items identified.

## **16. Adjourn**

Kathy Walsh put forward a motion to adjourn the meeting

**Motion:** A motion proposed to adjourn the Veterans' Committee was made.

**1<sup>st</sup> moved:** Barry Stearns

**2<sup>nd</sup> moved:** Paul Toomey

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M., and the next meeting on December 7 at 10: 30a.m .

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kathy Walsh*