

**TOWN OF BOLTON  
VETERANS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023, 9:30 A.M.**

Present: Kathy Walsh, Paul Toomey, Gregory Carini, Linda Rudolph, and Barry Stearns  
Others present: Suellen Kamara and Bill Philips.  
Not present: Jim Clark and Ernie Richardson.

**1. Call to order**

K. Walsh called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

- a. September 7, 2023 – Regular meeting minutes  
Due to changes, the commission was unable to approve the minutes, and October and September will need approval at the next meeting.

**3. Update on Dedication of Bench**

4. P. Sawyer reached out to the family and the bench may be dedicated next Memorial Day. This will be reviewed later. No action required by the commission at this time.

**5. Tax relief update**

Bob Morra needs to provide an update. K. Walsh e-mailed him previously and no response yet. Linda proceeded to ask for the background on tax relief, and K. Walsh and B. Stearns explained the tax exception proposal. The committee needs follow-up where the process is.

**Action:** K. Walsh will follow-up with B. Morra regarding attending the next meeting to inform committee where we are with process.

**6. Ct. General statutes**

B. Morra needs to give an update on this. He was going to meet with the town attorney and provide information to the committee regarding legal responsibilities according to CT. Statutes.

**Action:** K. Walsh will follow-up with B. Morra.

**7. Flag box**

No update received and Town Hall states no information as to a follow-up. will need to place a follow-up call. A boy scout will be building a wooden box that will be used as a drop box for old flags and developing a system for the disposal ceremony/disposal for the American Flags.

**Action:** Kathy Walsh will follow-up call with Chris Duffy.

**8. Review of monuments on the Green/Report from sub-committee**

This was a discussion about installing new monuments for the two wars that are currently not represented. This idea was brought forth by a community member. The current concept is to have one monument that represents the two wars. A proposed design of the new monument was shown to the commission members By. B. Stearns. This monument would be in place of trying to

purchase medallions for all the graves which would be closer to 6-8 thousand dollars for the required amount. Instead of medallions, The proposed wording was discussed by the committee. **Action:** L. Rudolph will research the wars for accuracy. B. Stearns and G. Carini will obtain approximate pricing to discuss at the next meeting.

**9. Update on new member**

New member Linda is here for her first meeting, she has served eight years in the Navy. Welcome Linda.

**10. Memorial Day parade coordination**

The parade book was shared with the committee. This booklet has the general directions for the parade and the ceremony, A complete booklet was given to the Town Hall to keep for a reference. The chairman of the committee has a second booklet. Suellen proposed putting the booklet on the website, though personal information will be redacted in order to protect people's personal information.

**Actions:** K. Walsh will be sending an electronic version to Suellen Kamara.

**11. Other**

- a. Any new agenda items. No members had anything to put on the agenda.
- b. Speaker for Veterans' Day  
Linda will be speaking at the Veterans' Day luncheon; the committee will need to respond if they want to go to the luncheon.
- c. Annual Report  
Kathy had a draft of the Commission's annual report and asked other committee members if there was anything that they would like to add. All members to bring any changes for the next meeting.
- c. Bolton Scarecrow contest was discussed since we were invited at a late time and the commission unanimously stated it was not appropriate to participate in. It was not the right venue.

**12. 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 adjourned at 10:06 A.M. on October 5, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Hull

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for corrections to these Minutes and any corrections hereto.