

**TOWN OF BOLTON
VETERANS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
THURSDAY, October 3, 2024, 9:30 A.M.**

Present: Kathy Walsh, Paul Toomey, Greg Carini, Ernie Richardson
Not present: Jim Clark, Linda Rudolph, Barry Stearns

1. Call to order

K. Walsh called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. September 2024 – Regular meeting minutes

Motion for approval of minutes

1st P. Toomey 2nd E. Richardson

Voting: All in favor- Approved

3. September Celebration for the Bench Review

The ceremony went very well, and the family was very appreciative of the dedication of the bench. All those who helped thank you.

4. Veterans Luncheon at Senior Center

The luncheon will be held on November 14th 12 noon. Please notify the Senior Center if you are going by early November. We were asked to talk at the luncheon about the Veterans Commission's goals and accomplishments. K. Walsh has completed a handout for the talk at the Luncheon and all members reviewed it. Any volunteers to present the goals and accomplishments of the committee are welcomed. It would be nice to have several members discuss each project we have initiated.

Actions: K. Walsh will ask Barry if he can discuss the tax exemption.

5. November Library Display

The Commission will be placing items from the Veterans Commission members and town residents in the display case for the month of November. All members to review what they have and bring items to L. Rudolph or K. Walsh so we will be ready to put items in.

Actions: K. Walsh will check with L. Thornton regarding date to place items in the case.

6. Flag Collection in November/ Flag Box Build

We will need a volunteer to collect flags from the Town Hall if there are flags there. G. Carini was checking with a friend who may be able to help us with building the box. Update at a later meeting. Any other ideas on how to get this built are welcomed in case this does not work out.

7. New Members/Election of chair and Vice Chair

We currently need 3 members for the Commission due to terms have run out. K. Walsh has sent 2 interest forms out. Please try to think of residents who may want to join the Commission and approach them. We also need to elect a new chair and vice chair.

Action: All members to see if they can ask residents if they would like to be part of the Commission.

We want to thank Ernie Richardson, Jim Clark and Barry Stearns for their service to the Commission.

8. Tax relief update

No update at this time. Awaiting communication from Board of Selectmen.

Action: B. Stearns will keep us posted.

9. Monument on the Green Report Update

B. Stearns sent a letter to the Board of Selectman on August 30, 2024, with recommendations that were detailed in our last meeting.

Action: Veterans Commission is waiting to hear back from the Selectman. B. Stearns will keep us updated.

10. Education Update

No update from L. Rudolph.

Action: L. Rudolph will call for next meeting and report on education.

11. Festival of the Trees

There was a discussion about if there would be participation in the Festival of Trees. The Commission said yes and to dedicate to one of our residents if we are able to accomplish this.

Action: K. Walsh will see if she can get volunteers for this.

12. Other

- a. Any new agenda items for next meeting.

12. Adjourn

Kathy Walsh put forward a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

1st moved: G. carini

2nd moved: P. Toomey

The meeting adjourned at 10:3225 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Walsh

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