

**TOWN OF BOLTON
VETERANS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 9:30 A.M.**

Present: Kathy Walsh, Paul Toomey, Linda Rudolph and Barry Stearns

Others present:

Not present: G. Carini, Jim Clark, Ernie Richardson

1. **Call to Order**

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

Motion to seat committee members

Motion to seat Paul Toomey as voting members for this commission

1st Moved: B. Stearns

2nd moved: L. Rudolph

Against: None

Absent: Three

2. **Approval Minutes**

a. December 2023 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Amendment to December minutes per B. Stearns. Addition of there was a discussion regarding the granite monuments at both cemeteries. Suggested to take out paragraph of medallions at cemetery.

Motion: A motion to approve the meeting minutes from December with amendments.

1st Moved: Kathy Walsh

2nd moved: B. Stearns

Against: None

Absent: Three.

3. **Review of Monument on the Green**

No proposal has been written yet since the first step is to meet with one of the Selectman. B. Stearns is going to meet and determine what the next steps are.

Action: B. Stearns to update at the next meeting.

4. **Tax Relief Update**

B. Morra was to be on call to update.

Need to find out information regarding this endeavor.

Action: Deferred till next meeting.

5. **Area to share Informational Packets for Veterans**

K. Walsh e-mailed the Town Hall and the Senior Center Director. Town Hall responded that they have a bulletin Board and that we could post one item per month on it. The Town does not really have extra space at this time. We really need expanded facilities for the Town Hall. It was also stated to as the Bolton Library. Senior Center awaiting if there is space there for information.

Action: K. Walsh to follow up with Library and Senior Center.

6. Possible Space for Veterans Museum

T There would be much to be worked up with this. The Commission would have to staff it, when would it be open etc. This was discussed with the Town Hall and there can be no access to the house where the Troopers are located. It was suggested that maybe we could start small and ask the library for time in the display case for November and possibly May for presentation regarding Veterans.

Action: K. Walsh to follow-up with Library regarding the display case and find out if there is a color printer available for use by the Commission at any location in the Town.

7. Veterans Day Coffee House in Bolton

It was decided we should follow-up with a group attending the Coffee House in Manchester at the Army/Navy Club. Goal to attend in the next few months.

8. Education for Commission

This was agreeable to have education from Veterans Affairs. After meeting we will identify what packets the Commission will pick up to have available.

Action: L. Rudolph will check with Veterans Affairs Department for Education and obtain informational pamphlets/material.

9. Flag Box

P. Toomey informed the Commission that we were unable to obtain a mailbox from the Postmaster in Manchester. Thank you, Paul, for seeing this and attempting to obtain a mailbox. Follow up from Boy Scouts-this is still a plan and will be followed up upon. There was discussion that maybe we could do a Memorial Day and Veterans Day Announcement to have flags brought to the Town Hall or Parade and The Commission Members could bring them to the Army/Navy Club.

Action: More discussion at the next meeting.

10. Memorial Day Parade Coordination.

There was discussion regarding the parade and that all members need to take part in organizing the parade. K. Walsh will bring Task Lists to next meeting. B. Stearns will contact School. Follow-up is important to the parade. If you are assigned a task you must follow-up with the assigned areas.

Action: Task list to next meeting and follow-up.

11. Other

- a. Any New Agenda items

There were no new agenda items identified.

12. Adjourn

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

1st moved: Barry Stearns

2nd moved: Paul Toomey

All were in consensus that were attending. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Walsh