

**TOWN OF BOLTON
VETERANS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
THURSDAY, June 6, 2024, 9:30 A.M.**

Present: Kathy Walsh, Paul Toomey, Linda Rudolph, Greg Carini, Ernie Richardson and Barry Stearns

Others present: John Toomey Not present: Jim Clark

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. April 6, 2024 – Regular meeting minutes
Motion for approval of minutes
1st B. Stearns 2nd P. Toomey
Voting: All in favor-approved

3. Memorial Day Parade Review

Memorial Day parade and ceremony went well despite the short rainstorm. We collected flags for the first time during the parade and ceremony. Most of the flags were from the town that needed to be properly destroyed. We did get over 45 flags.

Action: K. Walsh called the Boy Scouts and they are suppose to pick them up to do the flag ceremony this week..

4. Tax relief update

We are still waiting for contact from the sub-committee on the tax relief update. The goal is to move the amount on the assessment from 4500 to 10,000 dollars so the tax reduction changes for Veterans. The current amount taxes are reduced by is around 200 per veteran. Hoping for a solution to this soon.

Action: B. Stearns will keep us posted.

5. Monument on the Green Report Update

B. Stearns reported that the Selectmen and Public Safety Committee met in May and started to discuss this. John Toomey also reported that there may be some monies from other state funded areas to help with this. He also offered that the historical society would be willing to participate in raising monies for this. There also is a Founders Day fund which may be able to be used. After a discussion of all suggestions for the monument- a recommendation was made. Discussion of whether names should be added to monument. At this time, it was discussed to place names on the monument at a second phase. All granite monuments are very expensive and committee agreed to place monument and add Wars to the front of monument. B. Stearns had a mockup of the monument and Commission members were in favor of mockup provided.

Motion was made by B. Stearns to put a Granite monument on the back of the Green between display cases identified with missing wars: Revolutionary, Civil, War of 1812.

1st: B. Stearns 2nd: G. Carini

All voted in favor.

Action: B. Stearns will follow up with Selectmen.

6. September Celebration for Bench

Discussion regarding there will be the dedication of the Bench on the Town Green for Master Sergeant Michael Clark. The ceremony needs to be planned and a reception also.

Action: Kathy Walsh will follow-up call with P. Sawyer since this went to the Selectmen as a Request.

7. Flag Box Update

J. Toomey also stated he has tried to reach out to find out if someone can do this. It is still up in the air with the Boy Scouts. C. Duffy is still trying to get a group to Build the box.

8. Education Update

L. Rudolph will contact the DAV and VA as noted in April Minutes with the fall dates for a presentation to the Commission.

9. Meetings in July and August

Motion : Not to have meetings in July and August by K. Walsh per committee.

1st k. Walsh 2nd: B. Stearns

Vote: All in favor-Approved

Actions: K. Walsh will inform Suellen after meeting.

10. November Library Display

The committee is utilizing the display case in the Library for Veterans Day. All members to gather items for display.

11. Other

- a. Any new agenda items. L. Rudolph brought up that the Wall that heals is in Charter Oak Park. Anyone on the committee can volunteer. The Wall is September 19th-22nd. Commission members can search online and sign up to volunteer.

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: B. Stearns

2nd moved: G. Carini

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Walsh

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