

**TOWN OF BOLTON
VETERANS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES
THURSDAY, September 5, 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. June 2024 – Regular meeting minutes

Motion for approval of minutes

1st B. Stearns 2nd E. Richardson

Voting: All in favor- Approved

3. Tax relief update

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

Action: B. Stearns will keep us posted.

4. 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. The monument would be granite and on on the site of the Town Green backside of current monuments with the addition of all the omitted Wars to the front of monument. B. Stearns had a mockup of the monument with United Staes Seal and it was given to BOS. There was discussion about adding the Spanish American and Mexican American War. Those were on the draft of the monument.

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

5. September Celebration for Bench

Discussion regarding the dedication of the Bench on the Town Green for Master Sergeant Michael Clark. The two items that are left open to complete are: Prayer for the program and Music for the program: because the School System cannot participate because it is during the school day. L. Rudolph agreed to handle the music and check with a friend regarding the two songs and how to transmit. Fly was er passed out regarding the invitation, Publicity: Flyers sent to all churches, Fire Department, Town Hall, Library, and All Town and Preuss's Store in town by K. Walsh, Food and Flowers to be purchased through the town thanks to J. Rupert, Tablecloths-K. Walsh has, Bunting from Fire Department, Flowers for table from Morras. If we need to go inside we will have the large room in Town Hall . Hopefully it will be nice.

Action: Kathy Walsh will follow-up call with the Prayer, the family for the pledge of Allegiance and any additional speakers,

L. Rudolph agreed to handle the music and check with a friend regarding the two songs and how to transmit across system.

6. **Flag Box Update**

No update.

7. **Education Update**

No update from L. Rudolph.

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

8. **November Library Display**

There was a discussion about what would be interesting to place in the library display.

Actions: L. Rudolph will take charge of this for November and coordinate. All committee members will review what they have to place in the library case and contact other veterans for what can be placed in the display.

9. **Committee reappointment forms**

Reminder to get forms to the HR department or Administrator.

10. **Election of Chair**

This will need to be accomplished in the November meeting. Letter from Town of Bolton was read to the Commission.

11. **Other**

- a. Any new agenda items for next meeting.
- b. 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.
- c. Veterans Luncheon at the Senior Center on November 14th. All members that will be going need to RSVP by early November.
- d. Veterans Luncheon Presentation -It was requested that we present what we have done on the Commission. Any Volunteers?? K Walsh already checked with Carrie at Senior Center about what we could use for Presentation. K. Walsh can do handout. No volunteers at this time.
- e. We need new members- All to see if they can recruit new members. K. Walsh asked it to be posted on website and in Town Newsletter.

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: P. Toomey

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Walsh

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