

**VETERANS COMMISSION
MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026– 3 P.M.
BOLTON TOWN HALL & VIA ZOOM
MINUTES**

Members Present In-Person: Robert Morra, John Hambrook, Anna Spencer, Paul Toomey

Members Present via Zoom: Carole Franco

Members Absent: Pam Sawyer, Linda Rudolph

1. **Call To Order:** R. Morra called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

2. **Public Comments:** None

3. **Consider and act on January 15, 2026, Minutes:** J. Hambrook moved to approve the minutes of the January 15th meeting as written. P. Toomey seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

4. **Memorial Day Parade:** The veteran's commission is organizing the parade this year. Assigned members of the commission to contact the elementary school and high school for student volunteers, local pastors for opening and closing, and boy scouts for volunteers. Need volunteers for helping to set up and hand out flags. Also need to contact the police, historical society, national guard, and horse farm. The parade assembles at 9:30am at Bolton Center School. Step off is at 10am with ceremonies beginning at the green immediately after the parade and lasting for about 30 minutes.

5. **Veterans Exemptions:** Widow's benefit discussion is on the agenda for Board of Selectman meeting on March 3rd at 6:30pm. Veterans commission members can attend to support.

6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Report on CT Public Act 25-168 to include sections 233, 240 & 241**

Need to consider the fiscal impact of any changes to tax law. The last modification was a couple of decades ago.

 - B. **Vote to confirm the meeting dates for 2026 and time**

Prior vote was not recorded in the meeting minutes. The meetings are set for 3pm on the following 2026 dates: March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17

J. Hambrook made a motion to approve the meeting dates as listed. P. Toomey seconded. Motion passes, unanimously.

7. **Other:** Prior discussion regarding making the green a memorial. Going to have buildings and grounds staff review for an idea. Need to define the design concept.
8. **Adjourn:** P. Toomey made a motion to adjourn. J. Hambrook seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rebekah Lyon

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