

VETERANS COMMISSION
MEETING THURSDAY, May 21, 2026– 3 P.M.
BOLTON TOWN HALL & VIA ZOOM
MINUTES

Members Present In-Person: Robert Morra, Pam Sawyer (arrived 3:02pm), John Hambrook, Anna Spencer

Members Present via Zoom: Carole Franco, Paul Toomey

Members Absent: 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 March 19, 2026, Minutes:** J. Hambrook moved to approve the minutes of the March 19th meeting as written. C. Franco seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
4. **Memorial Day Parade:** Line up for the Memorial Day Parade will begin at 9:15 AM, with the parade stepping off at 10:00 AM. Plans are to keep the event as close as possible to last year’s format, including participation from the State Police and Color Guard, local officials, the High School Band, classic cars, the Fire Department, scouts, and local sports teams. The ceremony will include a greeting from Pam Sawyer, an opening prayer by Pastor Brandon, the “Star-Spangled Banner” performed by the High School Chorus, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the scouts. The committee reviewed ceremony order, weather plans, and parade logistics, with a final weather decision to be made Sunday. In the event of rain, activities will move to the firehouse. Event information will be shared on social media and throughout town.
5. **Update on the Kevin Johnson, May 19th event:** The committee reflected positively on the performance, noting the great energy in the room and describing the presentation as very powerful. The event was not recorded due to copyright considerations. A list of future performances may be shared, and there is interest in bringing Kevin Johnson back for his Professor Jim portrayal at either the senior center or library in September.
6. **Veterans Exemptions:** No change.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **Discuss about the retirement flag box, funding and location—** The committee discussed the wooden flag retirement box, including sizing and placement at Town

Hall. The box will be built on castors so it can be moved as needed. R. Morra will ask the Selectman to place discussion of a permanent location for the box on a future agenda. The proposed wording for the box is: "Retired U.S. Flags Here."

8. Old Business:

A. **Report on CT Public Act 25-168 to include sections 233, 240 & 241** – R. Morra will ask the Selectman to put a status update on the June agenda.

9. Other: The committee noted that the grounds are fairly dry and discussed scheduling a site walk through of the area. It was agreed that Mather Clark will be invited to provide recommendations regarding placement of additional stones, and that Barry Sterns should also be invited to attend.

10. Adjourn: P. Sawyer made a motion to adjourn at 3:43pm.

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.