

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

Members Present In-Person: Robert Morra, Pam Sawyer, John Hambrook, Anna Spencer

Members Present via Zoom: Carole Franco

Members Absent: Linda Rudolph, Paul Toomey

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

2. **Public Comments:** None

3. **Consider and act on February 19, 2026, Minutes:** P. Sawyer moved to approve the minutes of the February 19th meeting as written. J. Hambrook seconded. Motion passes with one abstention.

4. **Memorial Day Parade:** Commission members spoke with the Boy Scouts, elementary school, high school, First Selectman, and local pastors to confirm volunteers. Buildings and grounds ordered new flags. Need to contact recreation department and schools for sports volunteers. Request for members to consider if anything different should be done given that this is the 250th.

5. **Veterans Exemptions:** The Board of Selectman approved the idea of the widow's benefit program. The ordinance is currently being drafted with a goal to complete in April. There will be a hearing coming up. The assessor has been asked to put some information together regarding the number of veterans currently receiving an exemption. There are fewer impacted veterans than when the exemption was last considered. After proposals are together the commission would like to encourage supporters to attend the meeting for discussion.

6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Discuss about the retirement flag box, funding and location.**

The two current state representatives do not offer a flag retirement box, nor have they been asked to. The Boy Scouts have been asked, but have not chosen to take it up as a project. New idea is to put a box outside at the transfer station in the good weather months. Ask the selectman to apply for a grant for a permanent all-weather box. Preliminary research suggests the box would be about \$700 to \$1,000 and last about 10 years. Potential family

contact to build an indoor cabinet type box as a secondary drop off location. Some discussion of ideas on who to contact for flag retirement ceremonies.

7. Old Business:

A. Report on CT Public Act 25-168 to include sections 233, 240 & 241: Program has been approved and is to be drafted. R. Morra recommended that the basis should be the individual's normal tax bill and inclusive of both house and lot.

8. Other: Request for R. Morra to contact John Butrymovich, Mather Clark, and Barry Sterns for additional input on veteran's memorial.

Request for the Veteran's Commission to sponsor a revolutionary reenactment. The event has been organized for Bolton High School at May 19th at 6:30pm. The state librarian will do an in-character performance followed by questions. The Historical Society will co-sponsor and provide refreshments. Event will be free for attendees. J. Hambrook motioned to sponsor the event. C. Franco seconded. Motion passes with 4 in favor. A. Spencer absent.

9. Adjourn: P. Sawyer made a motion to adjourn. J. Hambrook seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:36pm.

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.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 25 AT 10 AM

The parade will step off promptly at 10am from the
Center School.

In case of rain, the Memorial Day Celebrations will be
held at the Bolton Fire Department at 168 Bolton
Center Road beginning at 10:30 am
