

**TOWN OF BOLTON
VETERANS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022, 2:00 P.M.**

Present: Robert Morra, Kathy Walsh, Barry Sterns, Jim Clark, Paul Toomey, Alexander Dumas, Gregory Carini and Ernie Richardson.

Others present: Suellen Kamara and Kathy Mcavanagh.

1. Call to Order.

R. Morra called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. Term Limits and Member Numbers. (Everyone has been approved for a two-year term at this point.) No action was taken.

Movement of agenda items.

4. Consider and Act on Electing a Chair and Vice Chair.

Motion: I move the Veterans Commission elect Kathy Walsh as Chair.

By: J. Clark

Seconded: B. Sterns

Voting:

For: Kathy Walsh, Barry Sterns, Jim Clark, Paul Toomey, Alexander Dumas, Gregory Carini, and Ernie Richardson.

Against: None

Abstain: None

Motion: I move the Veterans Commission elect Barry Sterns as Vice Chair.

By: K. Walsh

Seconded: G. Carini

Voting:

For: Kathy Walsh, Barry Sterns, Jim Clark, Paul Toomey, Alexander Dumas, Gregory Carini, and Ernie Richardson.

Against: None

Abstain: None

3. Set Mission Statement.

Motion: I move the Veterans Commission set their mission.

The Commission will seek to honor and improve the lives of all those who honorably served this state and nation’s military.

By: B. Sterns

Seconded: K. Walsh

Voting:

For: Kathy Walsh, Barry Stearns, Jim Clark, Paul Toomey, Alexander Dumas, Gregory Carini and Ernie Richardson.

Against: None

Abstain: None

Movement of agenda items.

6. Consider and Act on Regular Meeting Time and Meeting Dates for Next Year.

Motion: I move the Veterans Commission will have a meeting every month, on the first Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

December 8, 2023

January 5, 2023

February 2, 2023

March 2, 2023

April 6, 2023

May 4, 2023

June 1, 2023

July 6, 2023

August 3, 2023

September 7, 2023

October 5, 2023

November 2, 2023

December 7, 2023

By: B. Stearns

Seconded: A. Dumas

Voting:

For: Kathy Walsh, Barry Stearns, Jim Clark, Paul Toomey, Alexander Dumas, Gregory Carini and Ernie Richardson.

Against: None

Abstain: None

5. Consider and Act on a Monetary Request for Next Year's Budget for the Commission.

R. Morra suggested setting aside \$100 to pay the clerk whenever they required one. However, the commission chose to meet during town hall hours so that one of the staff members could serve as clerk. The Commission discussed their plans for the upcoming year and agreed that the suggested amount was insufficient.

Discussion will continue in their next meeting.

7. Discussion regarding Street Naming.

The members of the commission proposed changing the name of one street in the triangle next to town hall to Veterans Way. R. Morra explained that they need to request a form at the Selectmen's Office and submit it to the Board of Selectmen.

8. Discussion regarding Memorial Day Parade Coordination

B. Sterns would like a list of things of what they already do at Memorial Day Parade and A. Dumas a list of all the Veterans that are in town.

9. Other.

- 1: Discussion regarding the medallion's purchase to place flags at the cemetery and administrative reviews of costs to occur after researching a couple of options.
 - 2: Discussion regarding veteran's tax reliever in Bolton, considering it wasn't charging in years.
 - 3: Boy Scouts have finished reviewing all veterans in the Quarry Ville Cemetery in the process of locating veterans in the Bolton Center Cemetery.
 - 4: The possibility of inviting more young veterans to join the commission in the future.
- The Veterans Commission will discuss these items in its next meeting.
- 5: K. Walsh reminded everyone that the Senior Center will hold a Veteran's Luncheon on November 10th.

10. Adjournment.

The Veterans Commission adjourn at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suellen Kamara.

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