

**TOWN OF BOLTON  
VETERANS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES  
THURSDAY, February 1, 2024, 9:30 A.M.**

Present: Kathy Walsh, Paul Toomey, Linda Rudolph, Ernie Richardson and G. Carini  
Others present: B. Morra  
Not present:, Jim Clark, B. Stearns

1. **Call to Order**

K. Walsh called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Motion to seat committee members**

Motion to seat Paul Toomey as voting members for this commission

1<sup>st</sup> Moved: K. Walsh

2<sup>nd</sup> moved: L. Rudolph

**Against:** None

**Absent:** Three

2. **Approval Minutes**

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**Motion:** A motion to approve the meeting minutes.

1<sup>st</sup> Moved: L. Rudolph

2<sup>nd</sup> moved: P. Toomey

**Against:** None

3. **Area to share Informational Packets for Veterans**

K. Walsh followed-up with Senior Center Director with all Veteran’s materials. Director was happy to have the information. She will be keeping some government booklets in her office for reference and direction. Other pamphlets will be placed in the Senior Center for review and information for the public.

K. Walsh spoke with Library Director regarding placing information in the library. She said she would be happy to do this. As soon as K. Walsh gets additional information/pamphlets from Commission Member- She will make a meeting with the Librarian to review materials.

**Action:** None.

4. **Possible space to Honor Veterans**

K. Walsh spoke with Library Director to ask if we could have the display case in November for Veterans Day. She booked us to have the display case in November 2024 for the Veterans Display by the Commission. This is an FYI, we have access to color printing in the Town Hall for Commission purposes.

**Action:** All members to review what they can submit to the case for November.

5. **Veterans Coffee House in Bolton**

K. Walsh spoke with the Senior Services Director, and she would entertain a coffee house sponsored jointly with the Senior Center and the Veterans Commission. This is something that the Commission would like to entertain. It is suggested that a few members attend the coffee house at the Army and Navy club to review structure and follow up on the number that they have attending.

**Action:** Members to attend coffee house at the Army/Navy club to bring feedback regarding working with Senior Center regarding a coffee house.

#### 6. **Education for Committee**

Discussion regarding education related to Commission members. L. Rudolph will check regarding education from the Veterans Affairs division.

**Action:** L. Rudolph will check with Veterans Affairs Department for Education and obtain informational pamphlets/material.

#### 7. **Flag Box**

It was reviewed that the Boy Scout who is going to do the flag box will be accomplishing this for his Eagle Scout project.

There was a discussion regarding having a flag collection twice a year by the Commission. Once in May and November corresponding with Memorial Day and Veterans Day. There was consensus to do this. We will add this one piece of information to the Town Newsletter for April and May when we discuss the Memorial Day Parade. L. Rudolph has a small table we can use. K. Walsh will bring items to decorate table. We will look for cardboard box for collection in Town Hall.

**Action:** K. Walsh will continue to check with the Boy Scouts to follow up. Commission will plan on staffing a table in front of Town Hall on Memorial Day to collect the flags immediately following the parade.

#### 8. **Memorial Day Parade Coordination**

Memorial Day Parade Coordination/Task List has been discussed and Commission was asked for Volunteers to take parts of the Task List. K. Walsh has already e-mailed with Pastor at Congregational Church, looking at a Master of Ceremony and spoke with J.

Toomey to address the historical piece. B. Stearns has contacted the school system. L. Rudolph volunteered to address three groups in town. All information required given to Commission members including task list

and parade information packet offered. B. Morra offered to speak with Fire Department regarding inclement weather, color guard and parade.

**Action:** L. Rudolph to initiate discussion and follow up with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Rec. Director. B. Morra to contact Fire Department. K. Walsh to contact possible Master of Ceremony.

#### 9. **Tax Relief Update**

B. Morra informed the Commission that the Board of Selectman have had multiple meetings defining committee membership etc. since there is new structure for the Board

starting his year. B. Morra will review history of this initiative with the Selectmen. A sub- committee of the Selectmen Board will be formed to work on the proposal with participation from this from this commission. Eventually, a public forum will be held. After comments from this forum, it will be brought to the Board for a vote.

**Action:** Awaiting for B. Morra's direction.

#### **10. Monument on the Green Report**

No proposal has been written yet. B. Stearns is going to meet with Selectman and determine what the next steps are that we need to take. There was an idea expressed about applying for a grant from the Hartford Foundation and getting funding for the plaque and the town doing the site work.

**Action:** B. Stearns to speak with Selectwoman P. Sawyer.

#### **11. Other**

- a. Any New Agenda items  
There were no new agenda items identified.

#### **12. Adjourn**

**Motion:** A motion proposed to adjourn the Veterans' Committee was made by K. Walsh. All were in consensus that were attending. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kathy Walsh*