

East Windsor Veterans Commission
Thursday December 14, 2023 7pm
Meeting Minutes
11 Rye Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Call to order at 7pm by Jim Barton

Pledge led by Jim Barton

Attendance: Ken Crouch, Jim Barton, Rick Webster, Bruce Putinas, Ed Filipone, Dan Morgan, Bob Dynak, Scott Morgan, Peter Sanders, Bob Lyke, Kyle O'Bara

Public Session: NA

Added Agenda Item: Motion to cover the cost of the additional wreaths needed for Wreaths Across America up to \$100.00 payable to Flower Power, Rick Webster, Bruce Putinas second. All in favor

Meeting minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 10, 2023 Bruce Putinas, Dan Morgan second. Bob Lyke abstained All in favor

Treasurer Report: starting balance in July \$36512.30

\$17670.00 Road race sponsors

\$6713.78 Race sign ups

\$50.00 Donation

\$24,433.78 total income

-\$7648.24 exp for road race

\$16,784.76 net income from road race

\$50137.74 account balance for December

Motion to approve treasurer report as presented Scott Morgan, Kyle O'Bara second. All in favor

Chairman report: NA

Committee Reports

Fundraising: NA

Publicity/Service Officer: I have posted about Wreaths Across America, Discussion of logo, homeless veterans in our town. Discussion of mailing out the Veterans Assistant Program to all the veterans in East Windsor, Peter got a list form the town with mailing labels. Motion to mail out the information flyer for the Veterans Assistant Program to Veterans in East Windsor Peter Sanders, Bob Lyke second. All in favor

Memorial Day 2024: NA

Cemetery- Cemetery Flags: Windsorville flags need to be removed asap. Jim Barton replaced the flags at the Veterans Cemetery.

Veterans Assistance Program: NA

Road Race November 11, 2023: Discussion of the 2023 road race. It was a great race, with a large turnout of runners. A lot of the portlets are not being used, the cost is also increasing. We should think about how many we really need. There were a lot of runner using the front door of the Town Hall during the ceremony. I think we need to block this off or station a volunteer to direct people a different way during the ceremony. We need better signage for the runner, lots of prizes were left at the end of the day. We lost some long-time sponsors, but gained some new sponsors. We need each commissioner to create a list of business they can go to next year. Thank you to all who helped make the road race so successful. Need to factor in shirts, sizes for the first 200 runner, volunteers, sponsors, etc. Contact the church next year to avoid a conflict with parking and closing the streets. We might want to order more signs for around town for next year. A thank you letter was sent to all the sponsors. Might want to think about parking, a shuttle for next race. Both the sponsor form and registration form need to be updated, add the link information for runsignup. Might want to discuss the need for a pace car.

Fundraising: NA

Wreaths Across America 2023: We are all set for the event. We received 12 wreaths from Wreaths Across America, we need 24. We are going to get the wreaths from Flower Power.

New Business:

Election of Officers:

Motion to nominate James Barton as Chairman Bob Lyke, Scott Morgan second, All in favor.

Motion to nominate Rick Webster as Vice Chairman Scott Morgan, Bob Lyke second. All in favor.

Motion to nominate Peter Sanders as treasurer Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan second. All in favor.

Storage: Motion to purchase a storage shed to put at the American Legion dedicated to the Veterans Commission Bob Dyak, Bruce Putinas second.

Discussion: Flower Power sells sheds we could get prices from them, Rick will talk to the historical society about storage options. Amend motion to research a new shed or other storage option for the Veterans Commission, Bruce Putinas, Bob Dynak second. All in favor

Improvements to Tracy Memorial Green: Discussion of adding a gazebo to the green, battle field cross. Motion to discuss and research additions to the green, Scott Morgan, Bob Lyke second. All in favor

Donation to the Fisher House: Motion to repay Peter Sander for a donation to the Fisher House in the amount of \$100.00, Scott Morgan, Kyle O'Bara second. All in favor

Old Business:

Coffee hour: No interest

Correspondence: NA

Adjournment: 8:34

Submitted by Jill Caron