

**East Windsor Veterans Commission Special Meeting Minutes**  
**August 13, 2020 7 pm**  
**American Legion Post 40**  
**7 Gardner Street East Windsor CT 06088**

1. Call to order
2. Pledge
3. Attendance Jim Barton, Bruce Putinas, Rob Dynak, Bob Lyke, Ed Filipone, Dan Morgan, Scott Morgan, Rick Webster, Ken Crouch, Peter Sanders
4. Public Session: NA
5. Added Agenda Item: NA
6. Secretary Report: Motion to approve the March 4, 2020 meeting minutes, Bob Lyke, Rob Dynak second. All in favor
7. Motion to approve the May 4, 2020 meeting minutes, Rob Dynak, Peter Sanders Bob Lyke Abstain
8. Treasurer Report: Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan second. All in favor
9. Chairman report: Talk about the commission purchasing a storage shed for all the Veterans things that are now in people's garage. Bob: it would make it simpler to have all the things in one location. A shed could be put on the legion property. The legion has one storage shed on the property already. Discussion of what the shed would be used for. Bob: should we look into the cost, size and then discuss it at the next meeting. Size? 10x12 shed was around \$3500. We would need to put in a stone base. Ken: I think we should get the legion to put this in their minutes, approval for the shed, I would also go 20x30 and put it in the back-parking lot. Ken will look into some prices, different sizes. Peter will call the building department.
10. Committee Reports
11. Fundraising: NA
12. Publicity: NA
13. Memorial Day: NA
14. Cemetery: Cemetery flags were never picked up this year by the landscaper.
15. They are still out there. I have not spoken to the landscaper; they have always complained and now they have permission to remove them. They did not do it. At St. Catherine's cemetery Ernie would not accept the flags from the cemetery.
16. We will need someone else to do St. Catherine. We could also ask the boy scouts troop 89 to do it. We could reach out to Stanley. I think we should walk every row, every time.

17. Service Officer: In addition to being the town SO I am also the legion SO.
18. We have a Veteran that I am currently looking for housing for. We had a Veteran in town looking for a fridge and range which we found anonymous donations for both. Jim: I spoke with Bob that next we have some money and we could help out. I do get requests for different things and I work with Easter Seal to find them help.
19. New Business: NA
20. Old Business:
21. Road Race 2020: Rick spoke with the timer company; they gave us a few ideas. Manchester is going to do a virtual race; the state limit is 500 runners.
22. 50 people at the starting line, social distance, bibs would be given out the day of, increased signage to encourage social distancing. The race needs to be only runners who have pre-registered. No formal award ceremony. These rules would be very hard to do. I would say we would not do food; I am unsure if the town hall would be available. We would need a tent for outside use. Probably only 50% of the runners would participate due to risk. Sponsors will be limited due to the current economy. Hartford Marathon is also doing a virtual race. Ken: I will speak up, this is a fundraiser, to gamble with this is not right. If one person gets sick, I would feel terrible.
23. We do not need the money. We would only be making half; we are only sacrificing the continuity. Jim: I do not see that as an issue. Peter: we could mail a letter to supports our decision. The whole commission agrees to cancel the 2020 Veterans Road Race. Jim: I would roll the deposit into next year, send a letter to our sponsors about the cancelation, and that we will be back next year. Ed: I agree we should cancel the race; I disagree that it is not just to raise money, it is also the reminder of Veterans, we should do something else. The letter needs to happen. Discussion of the road race. Bob, we need to discuss Veterans Day. We should not do shirts this year with no race. Motion to cancel the 2020 Veterans Road due to Covid-19 Bruce Putinas, Dan Morgan second. All in favor
24. Correspondence: Got a thank you from Nicole, winner of the scholarship.
25. Adjournment Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 Scott Morgan, Bruce Putinas second. All in favor

Submitted by Jill Caron