

East Windsor Veterans Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2017  
7pm

- 1) Call to order: 7:02pm by James Barton
- 2) Pledge led by Gilbert Hayes
- 3) Attendance: Present- D. James Barton (Chairman), Gilbert Hayes (secretary), Rick Webster(Vice Chairman), Scott Morgan, Robert Lyke Jr., Victor DeCapua, Mary Morgan, Kenneth Crouch, Honorary Member. Absent- Edward Filipone (treasure), Robert V. Dynak, Bruce Putinas, Mark Simmons, Ernie Teixeira, Warren Wenz.
- 4) Added Agenda Items: Motion to add Wreaths Across America flyer to new business D. James Barton, Scott Morgan Second. All in Favor. Motion to add the Election of Officers to new business by Scott Morgan, Victor DeCapua second. All in Favor
- 5) Secretary Report: Motion to accept the secretary report as presented Gilbert Hayes, Rick Webster second. All in favor
- 6) Treasurer Report: Discussion of report, motion to pay for pavers Victor DeCapua, Gilbert second. All in favor. Discussion about a bad check written from a road race applicant and Edward Filipone paid Pippion & Son Portable Inc twice for the toilets, a letter was sent and is being looked into, no word back yet. Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented Scott Morgan, Victor DeCapua second. All in favor. Motion to Enter into a contract w/ Plat Timing and pay deposit of \$550.00 Scott Morgan, Gilbert Hayes second. All in favor
- 7) New Businesses:
  - a) Discussion of New meeting schedule due to the Town Selectmen moving their meeting dates. Motion to move the East Windsor Veterans Commission Meetings to the second Thursday of each month as listed for the 2018 year Scott Morgan, Victor DeCapua second. All in favor
  - b) Election of Officers; Motion to nominate James Barton as Chairman Gilbert Hayes, Scott Morgan second, Kenn Crouch Closed. All in favor.  
Motion to nominate Rick Webster as Vice Chairman Gilbert Hayes, Scott Morgan second.All in favor.  
Motion to nominate Edward Filipone as treasurer Scott Morgan, Robert Lyke Jr. second.  
Discussion about needing to recruit new members, All in favor.  
Motion to nominate Gilbert Hayes as secretary Kenneth Crouch, Scott Morgan second. All in favor
  - c) Sell T-shirts - James Barton has 97 T-shirt's in his garage that need to be sold.
- 8) Old Business:
  - a) War Memorial - "it's done", James Barton. J. Barton stopped at the Rotary club to thank them for the benches. Skating Rink idea for the other side of the park was discussed. Right now the area is not level enough to put in a Rink, James Barton was getting prices/ideas to see what could be done to get it level. Motion to reimburse D. James Barton for \$77.01 for the purchase of the holiday wreaths placed on each statue Scott Morgan, Victor DeCapua second. All in favor. Ideas for the Blank sides of the Monuments were discussed, engrave a Flag the would run the length of the Monuments to look like it was waving. Or Bows/wreaths for different occasions. Motion made to purchase Pavors to put in front of the Joe Tracey monument that Reads WELCOME (each letter of welcome on a separate paver)

Motion to replace the rope on the Flag Pole with Nylon rope Kenneth Crouch, Scott Morgan second. All in favor. Victor DeCapua will look into the purchase of 140ft of nylon rope. Discussion on purchasing state flag and flags for each branch of service to use for special occasions at the Memorial Park. Motion to purchase six double faced 3x5 flags for each branch of service for \$60.00 each and the purchase of one single sided State flag 3x5 for \$17.00 Gilbert Hayes, Victor DeCapua second. All in favor. Dedication/Program- Gilbert Hayes has gone to the Historical society and spoke with Nancy Masters who said they would be willing to bring their tent and display Uniforms and other items they have. A poem was given to James Barton and maybe put in the program. Rick Webster will work on Invites to Politicians/Dignitaries. Victor DeCapua will continue to work on a military band. Subcommittee made to get the booklet completed in time, subcommittee includes Gilbert Hayes, Kenneth Crouch, Robert Lyke and Rick Webster.

b) Road Race: Positives were that we had decent Weather, wind/cold, but sunny! The toilets worked out great, no complaints this year. Rick Webster Thanked everyone at the table for all their help the day of the race. Things to think about changing for next year- Raise the prices for entry fees, less prize money, less age groups, Publicize More! It was also noted that Rick Webster would ask the Road Race held in Manchester the same day to consider changing their date next year so as not to compete with our race

c) Fundraising- Using a different venue for the Harvest Moon Dance next year.

d) Wreaths Across America Ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 12:00pm at the East Windsor Veterans Cemetery, Windsorville Road, Broad Brook. Members are to wear black pants, red shirt, Veterans Jacket and Hat.

9) Unfinished Business: Recognitions for Southern Auto and Toyota, Plaque to be discussed.

10) Correspondence: The East Windsor Walmart will be Honoring Veterans with a Ceremony and reception on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 8:30 am. Everyone is Welcome.

WPCA (Conrade) gave a flyer out, Veterans shop online BX/PX, The Department of Defense will soon grant online exchange shopping privileges to Veterans of all United States Armed Forces. [shopmyexchange.com/veterans](http://shopmyexchange.com/veterans). See website for more info.

11) Adjournment: 8:58 pm Scott Morgan, Rick Webster Second. All in favor

Minutes submitted by Debra Nordell