East Windsor Veterans Commission Thursday March 10, 2022 7pm Meeting Minutes 11 Rye Street Broad Brook, CT 06016

Call to order: 7:01 by James Barton

Pledge Led by James Barton

Attendance: James Barton, Peter Sanders, Ken Crouch, Rick Webster, Ed Filipone, Bob Lyke, Gil Hayes, Dan Morgan, Mary Morgan, Scott Morgan, Bruce Putinas

Public Session: NA

Added Agenda Item: NA

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 2-10-22 monthly meeting, Peter Sanders, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Treasurer Report: The total in the veteran's commission account is \$37,189.06, the bill for Platt timing for the road race was submitted to the town and should be sent out. Motion made by Gil Hayes, to approve the treasurer report as presented by Peter, Bruce Putinas second. All in favor

Chairman report: There is a solicitation for the police union seeking donations, on the list of donors is the Veterans Commission, which is from a few years ago. The list is not current. Scholarships: I need a volunteer or two to present the scholarship on the night of the awards at the High School. The event will be on June 1 at 6 pm, Rick Webster will attend the scholarship awards.

The flag at Maine Fish Market was in bad shape, I took it upon myself to bring them a new flag, they hung the new flag up right away. I felt it was goodwill, they have always been very supportive of the Veteran's Commission over the year. Commission members thank Jim for giving them a flag and agree it was a good gesture.

Fundraising: New ideas for fundraising: Car show, golf tournament, concert, flea market, another dance. The road race was a big success this past year, looking to make even more this year.

Publicity: Welcome home event for Vietnam Veterans, information will be on our Facebook page.

Memorial Day: We will send out a letter to the police department, and military, and submitted the flyover request.

Cemetery- Cemetery Flags: NA

Service Officer: Discussion of VA benefits, where to find them

Road Race 2022: November 5, 2022, will be the road race Task list for the race will be in next month's packet. The map for the road race needs to be revised.

Wreaths Across America 2022: We are registered for the event for this year.

New Business:

Grant money for Veterans, Human Services- We have spoken to Melissa with the Town, she has money from other sources that she uses when people reach out to her in need. We could award her a grant, that she could use with our guidelines. We could set up the criteria for the money.

She would give the commission a report of how the money was used. The ramp was installed at the veteran in needs house, we covered most of the installation and they will cover the ongoing cost of the rental. Motion to create a Veterans grant with Human Services for \$5000.00, create criteria Gil Hayes, Bob Lyke second. All in favor

Discussion of what the criteria would consist of. Gil Hayes and Bob Lyke withdrew their motion. Motion to develop the criteria for the veterans' grants Gil Hayes, Bob Lyke second. All in favor

Old Business: NA

Correspondence: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 Gil Hayes, Scott Morgan second. All in favor