

East Windsor Veterans Commission
February 9, 2023
7pm
11 Rye Street Broad Brook, CT 06016
Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 7pm

Pledge led by Chairman Jim Barton

Attendance: Jim Barton, Bob Lyke, Dan Morgan, Scott Morgan, Mary Morgan, Ed Filipone, Ken Crouch, Rick Webster, Peter Sanders

Public Session: NA

Added Agenda Item: Motion to add a donation to the Masonic Lodge in Ellington for the loss after a fire, under new business, Bob Lyke, Peter Sanders second. All in favor

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 12/8/22 Peter Sanders, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Treasurer Report: Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented Bob Lyke, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Chairman report: We need new signs for the line up on Memorial Day. The current signs are old, handmade and need to be replaced. I would like to get bigger, more professional signs made. Motion to have Scott Morgan purchase new signs for Memorial Day, not exceeding \$300.00 Peter Sanders, Dan Morgan second. All in favor
Public act 22-34, Discussion of the act, town assessor said it would help around 5-7 people in town. The BOS is working on setting up an ordinance. It was brought to my attention that other towns place a wreath on every veteran's grave, the cost for this we be around \$10,000.00. Due to the cost and size of this project, it is not something that I think we could take on. We do put a wreath on all the veterans grave at the Veterans Cemetery. I met with Jason for a pre-budget meeting. I presented our budget request, we discussed the reasons for the increase request for Jill. As of now he has kept in what we are asking for. We are asking that the pay for taking the minutes, preparing the agenda, correspondence and etc. be \$125.00. There will be a presentation of the budget to the BOS, possible date 2/23 at 5:30. The commission should come to the meeting and advocate for the increase in pay.

Committee Reports

Fundraising: We need to send out sponsor forms for the race in March, that is when companies are doing their budget, if we wait till September a lot of the companies have already given out all the donations for the year.
Discussion of race forms. Motion to keep the road race fees the same as last year Rick Webster, Mary Morgan second. All in favor

80% of the sponsor donations come from 7-8 business, we need to assign some commission members to go to the smaller business in town for donations/sponsorship. There is about 750 business in East Windsor.

Publicity: Apply for all Veteran benefits, discussion of new PACT act.

Veterans Assistant Program: We are currently working with a veteran, I will keep you posted if there is a way for the program to help them.

Memorial Day: We need to improve the participation in the parade, the event is kind of stale. We could have a float contest. Invite John Deere, bands, Shriners, Schools, reenactment groups.

Cemetery- Cemetery Flags: Flags need to be put out before Memorial Day, and taken down after Veterans Day.

Motion to appropriate \$1000.00 for flags and flag poles for Memorial Day, Scott Morgan, Peter Sanders second. All in favor

Service Officer: Discussion of current events.

Road Race 2023: Discussion of timing companies, they both offer similar services, at similar costs. The difference in cost is less than 200.00. Timing New England has more pizzazz. What we have done is stale, we should see what we can do to jazz it up. Ed: we should give Platt a year to show us what he has and can do for us. Then we can make a choice of what we want to do. Motion to stay with Platt timing for the 2023 road race Scott Morgan, Bob Lyke second. All in favor

We will request more information from Platt:

Break down of the registration

of runners

Age of runners

Emails

Motion to sign the contract for the 2023 road race on November 11, 2023 with Platt Timing and pay the \$600.00 deposit Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Bob Lyke: We need new people with fresh ideas. Jim: Gil said that he would go honorary to allow a spot for a new member, I would also like Peter to be in a regular spot.

We need to also think about changing from giving out a t shirt to maybe a hat or reusable bag.

Wreaths Across America: Discussion of trainings and what other towns do, the other towns are much larger

New Business:

Scholarship: This year the form was emailed out, it needs to be submitted by 2/21/23. The awards night is going to be 5-25-23. Who would like to attend: Dan Morgan, Mary Morgan, Ken Crouch will be there with the American Legion.

Application is the standard application, we will require them to attach a 200-word essay on a question from a list.

Patriotism

Veterans

Significance of the Poppy

July 4th

Masons had a fundraiser for the lodge in Ellington that had a fire. American Legion donated \$250.00, I think we should donate. The Masons have always supported our fundraisers. Motion to donate to the Masonic Lodge in Ellington for \$250.00, Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Old Business: NA

Correspondence: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:48 Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Submitted by Jill Caron