

East Windsor Veterans Commission
Thursday August 10, 2023 7pm
11 Rye Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016
Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7 pm by Rick Webster

Pledge led by Rick Webster

Attendance: Vic DaCapua, Rick Webster, Bob Lyke, Ken Crouch, Gil Hayes, Peter Sanders, Bob Dynak, Dan Morgan, Scott Morgan, Bruce Putinas, Mary Morgan

Public Session: Sarah Muska: The Arts and Culture of East Windsor would like to collaborate with the Veterans Commission on a future project. I will get them in touch with the commission to discuss some ideas.

Added Agenda Item: Motion made by Bob Lyke to add a letter from member Gil Hayes regarding resignations and vacancies on the commission, Bob Dynak second. All in favor

Letter read by Rick Webster

Discussion of Gil Hayes resignation letter from the Veterans Commission, the letter was CC to the BOS.

Motion to advise the BOS to make Peter Sanders a full member of the Veterans Commission and allow a vacancy for an alternate member Bob Lyke, Bruce Putinas second. All in favor

Motion to make Gil Hayes an honorary member for life, Bob Lyke, Scott Morgan second. All in favor
Peter will need to fill out form at the town hall.

Secretary Report

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 7-13-23, Bob Dynak, Dan Morgan second.

Scott Morgan, Bob Lyke abstain

All in favor

Treasurer Report

Starting Balance: \$36,512.30

-\$2000.00 American Legion Roof Project

-\$490.00 Pavers

Ending Balance: \$34022.30

Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented Vic DaCapua, Scott Morgan second. All in favor

Chairman report: NA

Committee Reports

Fundraising: Race sponsors as of today \$4650.00

All of the commissioners need to visit the businesses on the lists that they provided for sponsors

Publicity/Service Officer: I have been spreading the word about Agent Orange Awareness month. I have also posted information on the recent changes to the PACT ACT. Discussion of the PACT ACT and agent orange awareness month. Peter: I haven't seen much posted about our events, Memorial Day, upcoming road race. I could be doing something wrong?

Bob: You are correct, I will post more about our events, anyone can reach out and I will post what they ask me to.

Scott: I would like to thank Bob and Peter for being service officers for Veterans.

Memorial Day 2024: New signs would be \$20.00 per sign, maybe this is a project that the Arts and Culture would like help with.

Cemetery- Cemetery Flags: Peter: I had to change 125 flags at St. Catherine. I think we need to look into better quality flags, they are not lasting. The staples come out, the end of the flag gets messy. I will get a sample of a better flag and what the cost would be. Everyone needs to check the Cemeteries that they are assigned.

Veterans Assistance Program: We need to get the word out that the Veterans Commission has funds available to help Veterans in need. We can put it on the town website, local papers. Discussion of ways to get the word out to the community. We could donate to local charities that already provide help, host a Veterans Breakfast at the senior center, American Legion. We need more volunteers to help with this. Other towns are hosting breakfasts, having speakers.

Road Race November 11, 2023: Next month we will get everyone tasks out to them. Need to send letter for military speaker. Emails will go out to past racers.

Shirt color and count: Motion to have neon green #2285c as the t-shirt color for the 2023 road race, Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Motion to order 300 shirts for the 2023 road race Vic DaCapua, Bob Dynak second. All in favor

Wreaths Across America 2023: NA

New Business: NA

Old Business: NA

Correspondence: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 Scott Morgan, Vic DaCapua second. All in favor

Submitted by Jill Caron