

East Windsor Veterans Commission
Thursday January 11, 2024 7pm
Meeting Minutes
11 Rye Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Call to order 7:03pm

Pledge led by Jim Barton

Attendance: Jim Barton, Dan Morgan, Peter Sanders, Mary Morgan, Rick Webster, Bob Dynak, Bob Lyke, Scott Morgan

Public Session: NA

Added Agenda Item:

Motion to add election of a secretary to the agenda under new business, Bob Lyke, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Motion to add 2024-2025 veterans' budget to the agenda under new business Bob Dynak, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Secretary Report

Meeting minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 12/14/2023, Bob Lyke, Peter Sanders second. All in favor

Treasurer Report: No change to the treasurer report from last month. \$50,137.74

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

Chairman report: Discussion of our meeting, how they will run moving forward. We will follow Roberts Rules.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Race season is over, that is our biggest fundraiser. We all need to be thinking about how we can help, five places to visit.

Publicity/Service Officer: The Purple Heart presentation was wonderful. I posted some pictures from the event. Someone in town did ask why a Veterans does not speak at Wreaths Across America, this is something we could consider in the future. Discussion of Veterans Affairs. It is important that everyone knows that they can contact Bob Lyke when they have a Veteran in need. They can also contact Social Services.

Discussion of the Purple Heart ceremony. I would like to discuss a Veterans Commission website to the next meeting agenda.

Memorial Day 2024: Do we want to do another float contest? We need to update the flyer for next year. We will discuss these items in March.

Cemetery Flags: Need to order more flags

Veterans Assistance Program: We have the flyers all ready to be sent out to all the Veterans in East Windsor. There is about 320 Veterans on the list that the Town Hall provided.

Road Race 2024: I will have the contract for Platt at the next meeting. The female Veterans that one the race and was not recognized will be sent a check with her winnings, along with an apology letter. Motion to send the female Veteran 1st place winner a check for \$80.00 along with a letter, Rick Webster, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Wreaths Across America 2024: Discussion of wreaths, donations for wreaths. Do we need to file a clean up plan with the organization? Dan and Scott will look into this. Discussion of improvements to the event, what other towns do. Need for more publicity.

New Business:

Scholarships 2024: Motion to award two \$1000.00 scholarships to one female and one male graduating senior at East Windsor High School 2023-2024 school year Rick Webster, Bob Lyke second. All in favor

Donation for service dog: Discussion of providing a service dog, cost, need. More information is needed. Peter will help Bob research more information on Veteran Service Dogs.

Secretary: Motion to nominate Scott Morgan for secretary pending reappointment to the commission Bob Lyke, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Budget 2024-2025: Motion to submit \$1200.00 for Memorial Day budget, \$1500.00 for recording secretary budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025, Bob Lyke, Rick Webster second. All in favor

Old Business:

Storage: Ed talked to Joe at the town garage and they might have some space, we will have more information when Ed is back. Rick will speak with the Historical Society about a location there. Jim will speak with a local Veteran that does construction. Scott will get some prices of sheds from local companies. Shed dimensions are 8x12

Improvements to Tracy Memorial Green: Discussion of improvements to the green. Adding a pavilion, battlefield cross. We will table this discussion till the next meeting.

Correspondence: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 Peter Sanders, Dan Morgan second. All in favor