

East Windsor Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
for
Thursday April 11, 2019

Opening:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at the East Windsor Town Hall Meeting room by Chairman Jim Barton.

Pledge:

Chairman Jim Barton led the commission in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

Members present: Jim Barton, Rick Webster, Ed Filipone, Bob Lyke, Gil Hayes, Bob Dynak, Dan Morgan.

Honorary Members present: Ken Crouch

Guests: None

Absent: Vic Decapua, Bruce Putinas, Scott Morgan, Mary Morgan

Added Agenda Items: None

Public Input:

There was no public in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Unavailable

Treasurer's Report: Ed Filipone presented a current report of the Commission's treasury status.

Chairman Jim Barton asked for a motion of approval of the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Bob Dynak to accept the report.

Dan Morgan seconded the motion. A vote was taken by Chairman Jim Barton. Motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman's Report:

1. Chairman Jim Barton provided an update of required landscaping needs for calendar year 2019. Discussion was held concerning new paver installations for the current year (2019).
2. Chairman Jim Barton reported that the budget request(s) for the Commission's recording secretary and annual purchase of American Flags for all Veterans graves had been approved by the Town of East Windsor.
3. Chairman Barton stated the following established subcommittees should begin reporting at monthly E.W.V.C. meetings going forward:

Fundraising
Publicity
Memorial Day
Cemetery

New Business:

1. Ken Crouch indicated that cemetery headstones in various locations are falling over/down and a report should be forwarded to the E.W. Cemetery Association and the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Barton asked for a motion to generate a list/photos of damaged/fallen headstones during the pre Memorial Day flag planting rounds by the Commission. A motion was made by Bob Lyke to generate the list. Bob Dynak seconded the motion. A vote was taken by Chairman Jim Barton. Motion was unanimously passed.
2. Bob Lyke presented a photo report of the E.W. Historical Society's Veterans' Recognition Display at the museum.
3. Chairman Jim Barton spoke of the Historical Society's November 03 Veterans Recognition Day and the E.W.V.C. possible involvement on that day.

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4. Chairman Jim Barton presented a report with possible cost(s) to renovate the Veterans Cemetery on Windsorville Rd. with top soil being a large cost. Various ideas were discussed and further information will be obtained and presented at a future meeting.

5. Ed Filipone indicated that the following items are required for upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony: 24 street American flags, and (7) gross cemetery flags. A \$1,500.00 cash limit suggestion was attached to the purchase. Chairman Jim Barton asked for a motion of approval. A motion was made by Bob Dynak. Bob Lyke seconded the motion. A vote was taken by Chairman Jim Barton. Motion was unanimously passed.

6. Ed Filipone indicated that new flag holder/markers are needed for replacement/new burials of Veterans in all cemeteries. Gil Hayes made a motion to authorize up to \$400.00 be allocated towards the replacement/new burials markers. Bob Dynak seconded the motion. A vote was taken by Chairman Jim Barton. Motion was unanimously passed.

7. Ken Crouch indicated the Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony picnic for all marchers requires a donation for such picnic. Gil Hayes made a motion to authorize up to \$350.00 be allocated towards the Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony picnic. Dan Morgan seconded the motion. A vote was taken by Chairman Jim Barton. Motion was unanimously passed.

8. The E.W. Ambulance Association forwarded a donation form to the Commission. A discussion was held. A motion was made by Bob Dynak to authorize up to \$100.00 be donated to the E.W. Ambulance Association. Gil Hayes seconded the motion. A vote was taken by Chairman Jim Barton. Motion was unanimously passed.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Jim Barton revisited the resident complaint voiced about the state of the condition of American flags in at least one cemetery last November. Chairman Jim Barton reminded the Commission that the commission will remove all American Flags, from all cemeteries, every November going forward, as voted upon at a previous meeting.

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Memorial Day Activities: The commission held a discussion on upcoming Memorial Day plans. Chairman Jim Barton indicated that the letters had been sent to E.W.P.D. /road closures, various E.W. volunteer marching groups, Ct. military for a speaker/ flyover. A clergy and vocalist are still needed. Further planning will take place at the May meeting.

Adjournment :

Chairman Jim Barton requested a motion of adjournment be made. Bob Dynak made a motion to adjourn. Bob Lyke seconded the motion. A vote was taken by Chairman Jim Barton. Motion was unanimously passed at 8:04 pm.

Submitted by Rick Webster on behalf of E.W.V.C. Secretary