

East Windsor Veterans Commission Special Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2021 7pm
American Legion Post 40
7 Gardner Street East Windsor CT 06088

Call to order: 7:01

Pledge led by Chairman Jim Barton

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

Public Session: NA

Added Agenda Item: NA

Secretary Report

Motion to approve the meeting minutes Peter Sanders, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Treasurer Report: Ending balance in all accounts \$30,087.19. We did receive a donation of \$5000.00 which will be used to add a sprinkler to the other side of the Veterans Memorial Green. The donation was made by Jim Balch. Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented by Ed, Dan Morgan, Peter Sanders second. All in favor

Chairman report: Sarah sent an email to me earlier in the week letting me know she could not make it to the meeting due to a special meeting for the BOS, she did ask me to see if we would like to donate for veterans in need dealing with PTSD.

Some recommendations from Bob on what helps Veterans dealing with PTSD: horse therapy, yoga, therapy dogs, and we also have an organization right here in East Windsor that was set up for Veterans with PTSD, 60-16 Veterans Awareness Project. Ed and Bob agree that we should focus on the residents of EW. Jim Barton will follow up with Sarah to get more specific needs, invite the 60-16 organization to our next meeting.

Committee Reports

Fundraising: Sell flags, run a raffle, bingo night, 20/20 club

Publicity: NA

Memorial Day: Rick: the day went well, at the cemetery we could not hear the speaker, we need to fix that. The state rep that spoke was not in the program, she was a last min addition. Ed: maybe we should think about not holding the small ceremony at the cemetery? Why do we do that? Discussion of the ceremony.

Motion to eliminate the ceremony at the cemetery for future parades, Peter Sander, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

The flyover was perfect! Jim called to thank the military for the flyover and let them know how perfect it was. The total for the food was \$324.56. Motion to approve the payment for food of \$324.56 Peter Sanders, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Cemetery- Cemetery Flags: Some of the cemeteries are in bad shape, the older parts are run down and not well cared for. Dan Burnham is in charge of the cemeteries, with a private organization. Discussion of cemeteries and who is responsible. Rick: We should oversee the cemeteries. Jim: This is a very grey area; we need to be careful. The money we raise should be put towards veterans, veteran cemetery.

Service Officer: Discussion of VA benefits. Peter will talk to Melissa from town to help set up a way to help veterans in need within EW.

Road Race 2021: No restriction for the 2021 road race. We will have full use of Town Hall. The timer guy does not want to handle paper. He would like everything electronic the day of the road race. Rick will check with the timer guy again to see if he has changed his mind, we get about 120 racers the day of the race. Discussion of race, t-shirts, and prizes. Discussion of the race was postponed due to only a few members being here.

Wreaths Across America: Paperwork sent in.

New Business: NA

Old Business: We have space at scout hall all set and ready to use. Ed and Jim Barton have a key.

Correspondence: NA

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 Peter Sanders, Dan Morgan second. All in favor