

East Windsor Veterans Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 4, 2020 7 pm

American Legion Post 40

7 Gardner Street East Windsor CT 06088

1. Call to order: 7pm
2. Pledge: Led by Jim Barton
3. Attendance: Jim Barton, Bob Lyke, Rob Dynak, Ed Filipone, Ken Crouch, Rick Webster, Peter Sanders
4. Public Session: Andy Hoffman, sent a letter to the commission about the flags, holders at St Catherine's Cemetery. The flags that are not in holders are troublesome. The big mowing machines will catch a flag that is one the ground and eat it right up. We are asking that you please place holders for the flags, or please do not put out flags without holders. Discussion of the flags. I believe that all the flags placed by the commission are in holders, some might be placed by the families. The flags will be placed by the commission based on the flag code. We got advice for the national American Legion, the flags should be all weather, illuminated at night. Andy, the flags all beat up by the winter weather is not showing respect to the veterans. Jim, I believe we should be walking the rows at each cemetery to place the flags. Andy, we could create a garden for the veterans with flags, we could water them. Bob, I think we need to follow the rules of the flag code. Andy, I would ask you to please make the new policy pubic. Ken, we are losing the idea of why we are placing the flag out for the veterans. Ed, we should go by the guide line of the military, American legion and leave only the holder when the grave is not marked. Peter, I agree with Ed. Veterans cemetery in Windsor states that nothing is allowed. Bob, I agree with the original vote. Andy's team with remove them for us at St Catherine's.
5. Added Agenda Item: NA
6. Secretary Report: Motion to approve the secretary report as presented from the Jan 9th meeting Peter Sanders, Rob Dynak, Ed Filipone abstain, Bob Lyke Abstain, All in favor.
7. Treasurer Report: \$250 donation from the WHPFD ladies auxiliary, Motion to approve the treasurer report as presented Bob lyke, Rob Dynak second. All in favor
8. Chairman report: June 11th East Windsor High School Scholarship awards, Rick, Rob Dynak Event at the high school on Thursday, March 12, 2020, 5-7. We are providing a color guard. The First Selectman is in charge of the event. Helen in the assessor's office is setting up a missing man table, I would like to do the ceremony. Helen would like to do the reading, we could bring the bell, set the table as the items are called. This is for town of East Windsor Veterans. Bob, we need a rehearsal. The dress: red polo, black jacket, cap and grey slacks. I

had a meeting with the school superintendent. She would like me to email and work with Annie the secretary. I asked if the school would like donations and she said sure. We need to come up with a plan for Veterans Day. Who in our group would like to be part of the program?

9. Committee Reports

- a. Fundraising: NA
- b. Publicity: NA
- c. Memorial Day: May 25th, updated memorial day list, think of more people that could march in the parade. Motion to provide money to the legion hall for the picnic after the parade up to 300.00 Rick Webster, Rob Dynak second. All in favor
- d. Cemetery: NA
- e. Service Officer: We are getting a lot of people down to the VA. I am amazed at the number of clients we are working needing medical benefits. In this town we need more people reach out to have coffee, invite more veterans to meetings.

10. Old Business:

- a. Road Race, task list: add a completed list

11. Correspondence: NA

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 8:28 Rob Dynak, Bob Lyke second. All in favor