

**East Windsor Veterans Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Amended Agenda  
Wednesday September 13,2023 7pm  
7 Gardner Street East Windsor CT 06088**

Call to order: 7:02pm

Pledge led by Jim Barton

Attendance Ken Crouch, Peter sanders, Bob Lyke, Jim Barton, Bob Dynak, Rick Webster, Dan Morgan, Scott Morgan, Gil Hayes.

Public Session: NA

Added Agenda Item: Motion to add membership to the agenda under new business, Bob Lyke, Peter Sanders second. All in favor

Secretary Report:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented Peter Sanders, Bob Dynak second. All in favor

Treasurer Report

Ending balance \$ 41,132.30, we had a few expenses, we have had some money come in for sponsors and runners. The amount needed this year for race winner will be \$2760.00

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

Chairman report

The band director is going to hold an assembly at the school on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day and would like us to help with this event. If you are interested in participating you need to let her know. I will provide her email to everyone. It would be nice for us to help her with this event this year. Southern Auto is no longer going to sponsor our Road Race. For the past few years they have been helping us with the race t-shirts. Discussion of shirt design.

Committee Reports

Fundraising: The commission was tasked with going to 5 business, please make sure you visit the location you submitted

Publicity/Service Officer: I am going to pass around the first draft of the road race poster. Discussion of the race poster. We could put the timing company website on the poster. The annual report is due on the 29th. I will take care of that. Service officers: I went to Joe Courtney's office for a meeting, it was very interesting. Discussion of applying for VA benefits. 988 is the new number for suicide prevention for Veterans. Thank to Scott for referring a widow of a Veteran to me and we got her to the right people to help her. There is a Stand down coming up this month. There is some new tax breaks for Veterans at the state level and town.

Memorial Day May 2024: NA

Cemetery- Cemetery Flags: Peter has some new flags that are higher quality. I have flags from the cemetery from Memorial Day and they are in bad shape. The economy flag is .89 per flag and the new flag is 1.69 for the better quality. St Catherine's is where is see the most damage. This is a reminder to everyone to check your cemetery and replace them as needed. Will discuss which flags to order when we need more.

Veterans Assistance Program: Discussion of Veterans in need.

Road Race November 11, 2023:

Nick Macsata is going to be the military speaker for the event. We need to work on music. We need to find another high school student to sing on our events. The program needs to be updated. October 15 is the last date to be included in the program. Rick: I spoke with the BBFD and the town highway department. I also sent out emails to everyone who signed up online last year for the road race, the big signs are up around town. I would like to put a sign up in front of superintendent's office, I stopped in the office and will follow up with an email. Scott: You can also get in touch with the athletic director. We need to advertise the poster in the month of September and add this to the race to do list. Discussion of prize money, we have a lot of categories. We voted to leave

it the same, we will add it to the agenda to discuss for next year. Rand is building a new results board. Discussion of the large banner, new poles are closer together. We could hang the banner on the fence in front of the school. A banner over the road would be great.

Shirt Design 2023: Keep it the same.

A resident of the community stopped in to donate to the Veterans Commission, they would like to remain anonymous. The commission would like to thank them for their generous donation.

Wreaths Across America 2023: I spoke with the cemetery and we are all set. Discussion of priest. Bob, I would like to see us attend the truck event at Walmart when the wreathes come in. It is a Wreaths Across America event

New Business:

Public relations and information: we need to make sure we are advertising, and getting the word out to the community on what we do. Peter will work with bob on publicity. We need to get the word out on what our commission does. Bob: One idea is to provide a service to dog to a veteran's in need. Jim: I am talking about what we already provide. We could provide oil to veterans in need. Discussion on ways to reach the community.

Membership: Gil resignation was approved by the BOS and Peter filled out an application. There is a member of the community who is interested. He could not be here tonight. The town hall has another application as well. The appointments are made by the BOS. Anyone interested in applying for the Veteran's Commission should fill out an application at the town hall. There is alternate spot open.

Old Business: NA

Correspondence: A got a thank you card from scholarship winner, Lorenzo Resto

Adjournment Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 Scott Morgan, Bob Lyke second. All in favor