

## VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Veterans Memorial Committee was held on October 2, 2023 at Wallingford Town Hall, Room 315. Chairman Ruth Palmer called the meeting to order at 7 pm. There were 8 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes from September 18 meeting were approved as submitted.

Karen Ciosek from the Wallingford Garden Club spoke and discussion was held about a display for Veterans Day; Secretary to send pictures of wreaths to her.

Discussions regarding Veterans Day:

- There are 205 seats in Council Chambers plus handicap spots; Secretary thought, being as there is no band, that the service should be inside, as we have taken steps in recent years to make seating more comfortable; discussion held; Doug Newell moved that we have the service inside; motion carried.
- Chairman Ruth asked about speakers in the hallway for overflow or anyone in hallway
- Discussion held regarding music, particularly the Yalesville Fife & Drum
- Ed Zolkiewicz will ask David Gade, Lisa Zolkiewicz-Ives, and Chris Zolkiewicz to participate
- Pledge of Allegiance discussion as to who should lead
- Small flags – no more ball players so maybe Boy Scouts
- Missing man table would like to be added to service; discussion; Dave Gessert though we should have the POW/MIA flag there in that case
- Discussion regarding theme of program; Bob Avino made a motion to have it be 11/11 at 11 for Veterans Day
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New Business – George Messier wondered if the names of those lives lost in peace time should be included in program; discussion held.

George also mentioned a proposed clean up / restoration project of Dutton Park by Park & Rec, perhaps to include a walkway joining the monuments with names of peacetime losses on bricks; discussion held.

Secretary read an email from DAR regarding service on 7 October; will send to membership.

Next meeting is October 16.

Meeting adjourned at 2013 after a moment of silence for departed members.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise M. Gallup  
Secretary