

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Veterans Memorial Committee was held on February 26, 2024 at Wallingford Town Hall, Room 205. Chairman Ruth Palmer called the meeting to order at 7 pm. There were 9 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Discussion held regarding Guest Speaker; Chairman Ruth thought new Councilor Chris Regan would be a good one; Ray Rys said Joe Blichtfeldt could not do it this year; Geroge Messier suggested Joe Corso from LHHS; after discussion it was decided that Ray Rys would contact Chris Regan to determine his interest.

Discussion held regarding Parade Marshal; Ray Rys thought that Doug Newell should fill the role; Doug accepted. Ray moved to have Doug be Parade Marshal; motion carried.

George had wanted to discuss program, but will wait for Ed Zolkiewicz to come back for that.

Church service – George will ask Most Holy Trinity once again, as they do a good job and are a central location.

Bob Avino asked if VFW Post 591 could pull their sign again, which was met with unanimous approval; Bruce Gallup will pull hay wagon again for anyone who wants to ride. George will speak to the Mayor regarding speaking at church service and Memorial Day; George brought up that we should also honor those who lost their lives in peacetime; discussion; Bruce thought we could do that at church service after reading of names, and he will write something up for next meeting.

Master of Ceremonies – George will do.

New Business – David Kania said that he is booked for Senior Center Coffee House in September. George said that March 29th is a Vietnam Veteran ceremony hosted by the Veterans Coffee House in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Peace Accord signing.

Discussion held regarding State of CT recognition of those who served in Vietnam Era via lapel pin and certificate of appreciation, including differing dates of service from Federal, what about those who have passed since then, how list is obtained, invitations to be sent from list. Preferred date is 24 June with backup of 1 July at 1000.

George also brought up that someone has a handicap ramp that they no longer need, discussion as to who could take it / use it.

George said there are several bags of flags needed to be disposed of in lower lobby, could Post members please grab a bag on the way out tonight.

Next meeting is March 18, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 2001 after a moment of silence for departed members.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise M. Gallup
Secretary