

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Veterans Memorial Committee was held on May 16, 2022 at Wallingford Town Hall, Room 315. Chairman Ruth Palmer called the meeting to order at 7 pm. There were 11 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes from May 9 meeting were approved as presented.

Discussion held regarding groups in parade and line of march. Ray Lilley offered the assistance of the Elks, as well as the Sea Cadets; Ed Zolkiewicz suggested the Boy Scouts could help as well with some open areas to be filled.

Secretary spoke with Bill Celata; he will be back next week.

Discussion including:

- Need someone to watch stage in center of town
- Flags need to be placed on stage
- Doug Newell asked if Parade Marshal and speaker should attend next meeting; they will be invited
- Dave Gessert has signs for cars
- Will need to get flag stands from closet for church service
- Bruce Gallup with have wreaths at Dutton Park
- Need someone to operate sound system at Dutton Park

Dave reported that Rosemary DeAngelis had her knee replaced and is doing well; she hopes to be at parade and service.

George Messier said that we have no military vehicles whatsoever except the Hummer from Post 73. Bob Avino wondered if Bob Devaney could help with that.

Church service discussion – can we get candles on alter like last year? Secretary will follow up with Father Collins.

Discussion regarding press coverage in light of second parade this year; also about banner in front of Town Hall. Ed thought we could send church service information to churches.

New Business – Bruce said it would cost between \$250 and \$300 for flag and pole, plus \$60 for carrier; discussion held. Roz Gallagher said it is ok to purchase as far as budget is concerned.

Next meeting is May 23, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 1940 after a moment of silence for departed members.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise M. Gallup
Secretary