

VETERANS COMMISSION MINUTES
740 MAIN STREET
EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Town Hall, Welling Conference Room on 2nd floor
August 11, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Present: John Cook, Vincent Parys, James Shelmerdine, Richard Bates.

Absent: Tim Siggia, Tia Woods and Melodie Wilson

Pledge of Allegiance led by James Shelmerdine.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Commission Cook called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- 2) AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: item #9 was deleted as it was duplicate of 8.a).
- 3) ROLL CALL: as indicated above.
- 4) OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION: none
- 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 12, 2021

MOTION By Richard Bates
 Seconded by James Shelmerdine
 Motion carried 4/0

6) COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOICES –

- a) received an invitation for commission members to attend the 9/11 event being planned by Goodwin University.
- b) Rich Bates informed us of information received from the VA about new conditions that might qualify Veterans for disability. The communication is attached to these minutes.

7) OLD BUSINESS

- a) We will continue to review ideas for flag placements including making a tool to assist in helping volunteers doing the placements.
- b) Dan Lareau, Post Chaplain of VFW Post 2083 has volunteered to assist the Commission when a Chaplain is needed.

- c) Commission Cook will assign commissioners at random to inspect flag retirement boxes to ensure that flags are retired in a timely manner.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) A preliminary discussion about providing Veteran grave makers for veterans who are buried outside of Veteran Sections.
- b) Also a preliminary discussion about developing a “East Hartford Veterans Commission Challenge Coin” which can be given to volunteers for commission events.

9) ADJOURNMENT at 8:00 PM.

MOTION By Vinnie Parys
 Seconded by Richard Bates
 Motion carried 4/0