

VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING
740 MAIN STREET
EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Room 2A, East Hartford Public Library
October 17, 2023- 7:00 pm

Present: John Cook, Richard Bates, Howard Satalino, Art Parker, Paul Barry, James Shelmerdine Jr., Robin Parys, and Juliet Relph, Clerk.

Absent: Candy Guastamachio

Late: Richard Bates

Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence led by James Shelmerdine Jr.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner John Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
- 2) AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: none allowed.
- 3) ROLL CALL: As indicated above.
- 4) OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION – None
- 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES for September 12, 2023, meeting.

MOTION By Howard Satalino
 Seconded by Art Parker
 Motion carried 6/0

- 6) COMMUNICATION AND INVOICES
 - A letter was received from Greg Fox, Principal of O'Connell School asking for donations for Silver Lane Wreaths. In the past, the Veterans Commission donated \$500.00.
 - Communication from East Hartford High School teacher regarding a senior's need for community service – It was suggested we can use the senior to follow volunteers and be the cemetery mapper.
- 7) OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Status of:
 - 1) Biography contest for high school students
Communication was received from the recipient of the scholarship –
Delay in getting funds – A motion was made at our September 2023 meeting that in the future, the scholarship award will be paid directly to the recipient instead of the College, based on their enrollment in college, and paid tuition with a minimum of 6 credit hours.
 - b) Flags retirement and area
Howard Satalino spoke to the scouts, but scouting is low attendance at the moment.
Richard Bates will continue to work with Connor Martin on retiring flags and report back to the commission.

- c) Town of East Hartford development plan –
Candy Guastamachio attended the meeting but is absent, and unable to provide an update.
Tabled until next meeting.
- d) Inventory of grave flags for Veterans Day – do we need to order.
Richard Bates conducted an inventory of grave flags.
8 x 12 – 1031
12 x 18 – 5991
- e) Grave markers for graves outside designated Veteran's areas.
It was discussed that grave markers for Veterans' grave outside of the Veteran's area will cost \$15.00 each. Was discussed but no proposal or motion was made. The focus is on the cemetery maps.

8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Wreaths for Silver Lane School – O'Connell School fundraiser.

A motion was made to donate \$500.00 payable to the O'Connell School PTO for Silver Lane Wreaths.

MOTION By Robin Parys
 Seconded by Art Parker
 Motion carried 7/0

- b) Wreath placement at Raymond Library Doughboy monument on November 11, 2023, at 10:30am.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm

MOTION By Art Parker
 Seconded by James Shelmerdine Jr.
 Motion carried 7/0

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2023

Respectfully submitted by: Juliet D. Relph, Clerk