

VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING
740 MAIN STREET
EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Room 111, East Hartford Community Cultural Center
February 8, 2023, 7:00 pm

Present: John Cook, Paul Barry, Art Parker, Richard Bates, and Juliet Relph, Clerk.

Absent: James Shelmerdine, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence led by John Cook.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner John Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
2. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: Noted by John Cook.
 - a. The Veterans Commission would like to match the scholarship of \$500 for the biography contest for high school student for East Hartford's Gold Star. Commitment from Senator Anwar of funding for 4 years.

A motion was made to match the scholarship of \$500 for the biography contest for high school student for East Hartford's Gold Star.

MOTION By Art Parker
 Seconded by Richard Bates
 Motion carried 4/0

3. ROLL CALL: As indicated above.
4. OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Gary Roy and Marianne Mihalyo, residents of East Hartford have established a non-profit WWII Foundation, a traveling museum. They spoke with the Mayor and would like work with the Town of East Hartford and the Veterans Commission in establishing a home for the museum. Commissioner Cook asked that they present a business plan and specifically what they are looking for from the Town and the Commission.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for December 14, 2022, meeting.

MOTION By Paul Barry
 Seconded by Art Parker
 Motion carried 4/0

6. COMMUNICATION AND INVOICES – No invoice
 - a. No invoices
 - b. Commissioner Cook submitted a letter to the Mayor recommending that during renovations that 3 flagpoles be established in front of Town Hall. He is waiting for a response.

- c. Budget Item for Memorial Day Parade
The Mayor's office asked that when approved, include \$20,000 as increase to events budget.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. It was suggested that the winner of the contest read the essay during the parade and dedicating parade to Vincent Parys
- b. Start an essay contest for high schools sophomores and juniors and present a plaque at memorial parade and be part of the program.

8. NEW BUSINESS

It was proposed that the meetings for 2023 be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

A motion was made that the meetings for 2023 meetings be held on the second Tuesday of each month. See attached.

MOTION By Richard Bates
 Seconded by Art Parker
 Motion carried 4/0

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm

MOTION By Art Parker
 Seconded by Paul Barry
 Motion carried 4/0

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2023

Respectfully submitted by: Juliet D. Relph, Clerk

ATTACHMENT

**VETERANS COMMISSION
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2023
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM**

JANUARY 11

FEBRUARY 8

MARCH 14

APRIL 11

MAY 9

JUNE 13

SEPTEMBER 12

OCTOBER 10

NOVEMBER 14

DECEMBER 12