

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Veterans Memorial Committee was held on January 27, 2025 at Wallingford Town Hall, Room 220. Chairman Ruth Palmer called the meeting to order at 1900. There were 6 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes for previous meeting approved as submitted.

Continuing planning for Memorial Day:

George Messier has a guest speaker, David Flood, Vietnam Veteran; discussion held.

David Gessert – 98 year old Veteran declined due to Color Guard obligation; has another in mind, will keep us posted.

Secretary got an email from Congregational Church regarding hosting church service and marching in parade with a float; discussion held. George suggested we table issue until more info from church obtained; Secretary will send info to church.

Chairman Ruth suggested a different way to fold flag at church service where each fold had a meaning and was explained; discussion.

New Business – George introduced Beverly Churchill for membership; she is the Veterans coffee house admin / vice chair; discussion held. Motion made and seconded to accept; motion carried.

George had a meeting with John Sullivan at Park & Rec regarding Dutton Park upgrade & new monument for War on Terror; discussion also held regarding Harrison Park monument as to is it adequate. Meriden is having a Veteran Recognition Day on 24 February at 4 pm.

George contacted by Carol May from Houses for Heroes from Hamden; they will do yard cleaning on 29 March for Veterans in Wallingford; Beverly suggested Ken Polanski, and Dave suggested Delbert Smith.

State of CT to recognize living WWII Veterans on 19 May in Hartford.

Ruth asked about monument in front of old PD Headquarters; discussion held.

Doug Newell asked about funding for War on Terror monument; discussion held.

Beverly said she has a car for the parade, a 32 Dodge.

Next meeting is March 3, 2025 at 1900.

Meeting adjourned at 1957 after a moment of silence for departed members.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise M. Gallup
Secretary

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