

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Veterans Memorial Committee was held on October 19, 2020 at Wallingford Town Hall Town Council Chambers. Chairperson Ruth Palmer called the meeting to order at 1900. There were 7 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes for the October 5, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

Ray Ross said that he had met with Health Director, and it was recommended to us, due to uptick in Covid 19 cases, that we not have an inside service; discussion ensued, and it was decided that we would go along with recommendation; Secretary Elise asked about handing out small flags, and it was decided to do that. Secretary will check how many we have left to see if any need to be ordered. Les Forbes suggested that we could have service at another time, which after discussion was decided against; Dave Gessert said minister is Rev. Warburton; Secretary got an email from Henry Cadett saying that Fire Marshal Mike Gudelski would be speaker, and she will ask for his rank for program.

Program was discussed; Ed asked about massing of colors. He will take Post names out of program, as we never know who is going to come; Dave will get baseball players for Pledge of Allegiance; Ray Rivera asked about better organization for groups that come; discussion ensued. Secretary will try to get better idea who is coming. Ray Ross will try to get vocalists from one of the schools. Discussion held regarding wreath placement; it was decided to just have one to honor war dead. Secretary will ask Bruce Gallup to place.

Because we are not doing Blue Star banners this year, Dave want to present a 5 star Blue Banner to Mr. Sullivan, a Veteran at Ashlar Village whose father had one and lost it, and it was replaced by Post 187. Dave will ask Mayor to present.

Ed will ask his son Chris to do Taps, and will contact David Gade for bagpipes.

There is no New or Old Business.

It was decided to cancel next 3 meetings on 10/26, 11/2, and 11/6; next meeting is November 9, 2020 at 7 pm in Wallingford Town Hall, room to be determined, at which time we will determine whether or not to have event based on weather forecast.

Elise made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1955 after a moment of silence for departed members.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise M. Gallup
Secretary