

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Veterans Memorial Committee was held on May 2, 2022 at Wallingford Town Hall, Room 315. Chairman Ruth Palmer called the meeting to order at 7 pm. There were 10 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes from April 25 meeting were approved as submitted.

Roz Gallagher asked that invoices for anything parade related be submitted asap for FY 2021.

Bruce Gallup passed plaques around for speaker and Parade Marshal; short discussion held.

Parade discussions to include:

- 350th committee planning on marching, where should they be put in line up? It was decided to put them in B Division behind PD honor guard.
- Dave Gessert said Legion baseball team will not be able to attend due to prior obligations.
- Dave said Compass Lodge will be there
- Line up of parade general discussion

Secretary mentioned that the meetings for youth groups are next week 5/9 and 5/10 at 6 pm; any support would be appreciated.

Dave gave a car update, in that Bob Parisi will drive wherever needed, and car ready for Parade Marshal.

It was also decided that the Parade Marshal would be asked to place wreath at service if the Gold Star Sister LTC Rosemary DeAngelis is unable due to surgery.

Discussion held regarding division commanders, and who could step in for superintendent of schools if need be.

George Messier has not heard back regarding military vehicles yet.

Regarding church service, program in the works with correct names.

New Business – George has extended an invitation to Ray Lilley to join our committee. He read a “bio” as Mr. Lilley was not present. He then moved to nominate him for membership; motion carried. George also brought up that he was approached regarding parking spots for Veterans at town/municipal lots; discussion held. Ed Zolkiewicz thought that it would almost have to be a state thing; Doug Newell thought that Purple Heart spaces should be first; the Military Order of the Purple Heart would issue a proclamation that the town is a Purple Heart town.

Bruce brought up that part of our committee is the monument committee, but who is doing it now? Last member to do that was Jerry Kennedy. Our bylaws give direction as to what is involved; discussion held. George and Bruce both volunteered to fill those roles.

Next meeting is May 9, 2022. Meetings for youth groups for parade are 5/9 and 5/10 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1955 after a moment of silence for departed members.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise M. Gallup
Secretary