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Joe Boucher
Ted C. Graziani
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Bruce Warkentin

Student Representative

Steven Villanova

February 26, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

In attendance were: John Takach, John Chandler, Rhonda Villanova, Steven Villanova, Christian Sauer, Cheryl Samborski, Joe Boucher, Bruce Warkentin, and Ted Graziani

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Accept last meeting's minutes: Rhonda noted one correction needed from last month's minutes: Soldiers Solutions is now affiliated with the "TADSAW" program (not TADSHAW). There was a recap of last month's minutes. **Motion to approve:** John C. 1st, Joe B. 2nd

New Business: Ted G. mentioned an event at the State Capitol, the "Welcome Home Vietnam Vets Ceremony" being held on Friday, March 29th at 1:00 at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. Ted would like the Patriotic Committee to attend if possible. Fran Evon will be a guest speaker. LouAnn will have the event posted on the town website.

Bruce contacted Rob Binkowski regarding cleaning the Veteran monuments, particularly the bronze plaques. Rob was checking with the manufacturer about the right chemicals to use, but he estimated it would cost between \$300 – 500 to do both. A motion was made to set aside money to have Rob Binkowski take care of the cleaning of the monuments and plaques. Ted 1st, Cheryl 2nd.

Memorial Day Planning: Rhonda forwarded the existing task list with highlighted items to review prior to the meeting. John T. went down the list checking on budget, letters, building use form specifically. The Flyover request forms need to be submitted with plenty of time for scheduling. John T and John C. assigned the form and submittal to Steven. Rhonda will start on the program design. The participation letters will be generated by Julia Connor at Town Hall and John T. will be contacted to sign them.

Regarding Flag purchase and placement, will Al Lewandosky be purchasing them this year? Ted G. mentioned Ace Hardware as a backup plan for the small flags to wave. Joe B. mentioned that Al would be notified to get the medallions for the Veteran graves. Rhonda mentioned Joe Palombizio called her regarding a family that needed a medallion for a family member. She called Al and he took care of it, so he is still actively taking care of these things. Ted G. said the funeral homes are supposed to tell the

towns when a Veteran passes. Joe B. said there was nothing on the transmittal form that notes Veteran or War information. John T. noted there had been an Eagle Scout project to map out the Veteran graves, maybe the committee could/should get a copy of his work. Bruce said there were 540 names for Ellington Veterans, sometimes there is no other information. Some of those Vets are buried elsewhere (including Arlington Cemetery and Normandy, per Joe B.). Bruce was able to get a report from the state library, but it only went up to 2014. He extracted 13 names to research from the Revolutionary War era to make sure we have all the Ellington Vets included in our Honor Roll. Ted G. reminded us that Mike Stupinski did research regarding Ellington Vets/past wars, no one was sure if he finished his research and maybe we should contact him.

Cheryl asked if we should get the sticks from Doris Johnson (since Len passed away), for the line of march. Joe B. and Dennis Varney helped with the line of march last year.

Joe B. asked if it was too early for speaker selection, the answer was a definite "No," the sooner/the better.

John C. mentioned reaching out to the Rise Above youth group for Patriots Day event information. Their group had wanted to do something this April, but the designated member couldn't make our meetings. Anthony Chamberlin, another member from Rise Above, will be joining our next meeting to discuss. He said he will be filing the paperwork to be a member of the Patriotic Committee as well.

Ted G. was trying to gauge whether they had enough people to march from the American Legion/VFW members. There was a discussion about the requests for participation in the parade, also the rifles for the gun salute (Joe B. offered to clean them so they wouldn't jam this year, as did Chris).

Rhonda mentioned she may not be at the meeting in March due to another obligation. John C. said he would be the note-taker if she was absent.

Motion to adjourn: Joe B. 1st, John C. 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Next Meeting scheduled: March 26, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. **Town Annex** (please note)

Submitted by:

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