



# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

## Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee

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Ted C. Graziani  
Daniel Joy  
Alan Lewandosky  
Cheryl Samborski  
John Takach

**Student Representative**  
Miranda Graziani  
Nicholas Pina

March 28, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**In attendance were:** Ted Graziani, Miranda Graziani, Al Lewandosky, Wilson Flynn, Bruce Warkentin, Rhonda Villanova, Pete Hany, Jr., John Takach, Joe Boucher. Special guests: Dave Milnes and Steven Villanova (EHS student).

**Election of Officers:** The committee had a discussion regarding chairman requirements and who might be interested or in the best position to take over as chairman. The slate of nominees were Pete as Chairman, Bruce as Vice-Chairman and Rhonda as Secretary. A motion was made to accept the slate, Wilson 1<sup>st</sup>, Al 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. The motion was approved and the votes were unanimous in favor.

**Review of attendance policy:** The committee was in agreement regarding finding out if attendees who have not been seen in the majority, if not all, of the meetings over the past year need to be contacted and we will seek out new members that can be present and active on the committee. Rhonda will contact LouAnn in the Selectman's office and follow the procedure recommended.

**Approval of February meeting minutes:** A motion was made to accept the February minutes; Wilson 1<sup>st</sup>, Al 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes were accepted by the committee.

**WAA fundraisers/solicitations:** Cold Creek Brewery was contacted by Pete. They are looking to do more food or prep. They are not currently zoned for restaurant. We could have an event catered (possibly by Casey's) at the brewery. Coldwell Banker Realtors have given donations of \$1000. We have a start with 72 wreaths. We have almost guaranteed \$1200. Do we ask Dzen's for pre-funding? We need to ask in December/January when most businesses prepare to give for the year. Further options include: collection at Casey's, TSI (even though they have a no soliciting sign – can we discuss with the owners?), contact Paul Bacon (Veteran and cyclist) to assist with biker group. We've estimated the need to raise \$4500 to cover all wreaths. We still need the media/social media – contact Lori Spielman and post on Facebook and town sites. Ted mentioned that the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event on March 30<sup>th</sup> will give out the WAA info and contacts.

**Memorial Day planning:** The committee focused on what is needed to do before the next meeting. Crystal Lake United Methodist Church's Pastor Reeney has a replacement. The Ellington Baptist Church's Reverend Buisch has been replaced by Reverend Duggins. Miranda said she would get the number of Reverend Duggins and Dave said he would get Pastor Reeney's replacement's name and contact. If it should rain again, we need to contact the media regarding the cancellation and also the 1<sup>st</sup> Selectmen's office to post the message when people call in to check for scheduling/cancellation. If there is a cancellation of the parades, it needs to be made clear the EHS ceremony will still take place.

The flags have already been ordered. The flags for the cemeteries should be placed and/or removed by the Boy Scouts. John will arrange for the Boy Scouts to place the flags on the Thursday night (appx. 6:00 p.m.) prior to Memorial Day. The flags at the library are still flipping over. They need to have some kind of holder positioned in the ground. We lost the car from Bolles for the Poppy Queens and/or any dignitaries. Wilson said he had a vehicle that would fit at least 4 people. Also, the request to have the Poppy Queens announced during the ceremony as well as in the program at EHS will be granted.

The business donation letters/invitations to participate in the parade need to go out. Pete will obtain the list of businesses and send the letters out next week. The suggested RSVP on the letters was determined to be April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Wilson contacted the bagpipe group for the parade.

Ted suggested a thank you letter should be sent to Brigadier General Francis Evon for participating in the ceremony at EHS as a special speaker. The address for him is 360 Broad Street, c/o Hartford Armory, Hartford, CT 06105. Rhonda will write the letter and forward it to Ted and/or send out to Francis.

A motion was made to adjourn: Pete 1<sup>st</sup>, Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Rhonda  
Villanova

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