



STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND
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TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee

Chairman
Bruce Warkentin.

Secretary
Rhonda Villanova

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Members
Joe Boucher
Ted C. Graziani
Dennis Kayhart
Robert King
Cheryl Samborski
Christian Sauer
John Takach

Student Representative
Steven Villanova

November 27, 2018

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Accept last meeting's minutes: Joe B. 1st, Cheryl 2nd

WAA: Bruce stated that current wreath orders stands at 165, which is including 45 from the EFD.

Lori Spielman did a CVC (Public Access Channel) show and mentioned WAA, may do a blast email.

Rhonda has been posting and reposting the WAA announcement/invitation on Facebook (Ellington Friends page, personal page) and the town FB page has it on theirs as well as the town website.

Bruce or Ted said the American Legion would look to contribute in the future.

Bruce listed where posters were posted: Gerry's Donuts, Caseys, the library, Town Hall. He was going to post at LuAnn's. The Chuck Wagon, TSI, The Ivey, Integrated Rehab, Hometown Pizza, Rocky's Ace Hardware were mentioned as additional locations to post.

John T mentioned having flyers available at Winter Fest/Hall Memorial Library

Bruce said the delivery of wreaths would be to Public Works, but we need someone to get them to the cemetery. Dennis K. said he could help out with a truck.

Rhonda said she would call Pete Hany Jr. regarding the delivery of wreaths the past couple of years and if there was anything we needed to know about when to get them to the cemetery.

Joe B. suggested we might be able to have them delivered to the shed at the cemetery, but he would check with Thomas Landscaping first.

Joe B. mentioned that we still need a contact with the EVFD now that Dennis Varney is no longer on the committee and also confirm the ladder truck.

Bruce said he was going to ask the 1st Selectmen's office about the sound system/mic and he would get/make copies of the speech.

Rhonda/Steven would contact Claire Palmer about singing the National Anthem.

Bruce said the Finance office/Nick, okayed AHPC to pay for cleanups at the cemetery and the signs from Sign Connection from WAA's budget.

John T. confirmed next steps with sound system: talk to Finance Committee and where can it be stored. The meeting minutes were checked for amount approved by the committee + taxes and S&H.

Ted G. presented a donation from the VFW - \$150 for WAA.

John Chandler asked the committee what its goal was for number of wreaths. The Ellington Cemeteries currently have 450+ veterans, last year we were able to place 350 wreaths.

Ted G. suggested we reach out to Joe Palombizio to invite vets to the ceremony on December 15th.

Steven asked if we were going to need trumpet players for TAPs this year. He volunteered to talk to Mr. Delassus to get two players.

Ted Graziani showed the committee the medal and certificate he received from the Secretary of Defense for his work as State Chair of Connecticut's ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve), for Exceptional Public Service. Congratulations Ted.

Motion to Adjourn: Joe B. 1st, John T. 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Next Meeting scheduled: December 11, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Rhonda Villanova