

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD  
COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 7:00 PM**

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, 7:05 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Present: Alberto Cortes, John Johnson, Adam Raider (Secretary), Chris Barnes (Council Liaison), Renee McCue (Town of West Hartford). Excused: Garrett Sheehan (Chair), John Rixon, Kate Hamilton, Randy Malloy.

Mr. Raider advised the Commission that Harriet Winograd has stepped down from the Commission. An additional vacancy was created with the resignation of Louise Psaras.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Barnes moved to approve the minutes dated June 18, 2019. Mr. Johnson seconded.

**4. TRACKING OF VETERAN OBITUARIES**

Although John Rixon was not present to confirm, Renee McCue said she believed that Mr. Rixon had arranged with local funeral homes to begin making note of funerals performed for veterans so that their names can be read aloud next Memorial Day.

**5. VETERANS DAY PLANS**

Mr. Raider asked if the Commission's services might be needed at the upcoming Veterans Day ceremony on November 11, or for the planting of flags at Fairview Cemetery two days prior. Ms. McCue stated that the event is organized by American Legion Hayes-Velhage Post 96 and that the Commission should reach out to the Legion's Moe Fradette to ask about volunteer opportunities (several Commission members did volunteer at Fairview on Nov. 9).

**6. GUEST PAUL HOAR OF HOUSE OF HEROES**

The Commission welcomed Glastonbury's Paul Hoar, Director of House of Heroes, a non-profit that brings volunteers, contractors, and others together to do home improvement projects for veterans in need. Mr. Hoar explained that the CT chapter would like to expand its presence in our area, and they asked the Veteran Affairs Commission for help identifying West Hartford residents who might benefit from their help. A number of avenues were discussed, including reaching out to the American Legion, Zoning Enforcement Officer Brian Pudlik, Town Manager Matt Hart, and the West Hartford Health District. Commission members in attendance expressed much enthusiasm about assisting House of Heroes in the future. Mr. Hoar offered to return to a future Commission meeting.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business to discuss.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Barnes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 PM in Room 308.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Raider". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Adam Raider  
Commission Secretary