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September 23, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

In attendance: John Takach, John Chandler, Joe Boucher, Ted Graziani, Bruce Warkentin, Christian Sauer, Rhonda Villanova, Jonathan Cohen, Sara Landon and James Sydoriak

Approval of last meeting minutes: Chris had an addendum regarding posts: John C. said he had some, John C. asked when they were needed and confirmed we need to buy (2) double-sided signs. Motion to approve minutes: Chris 1st, John C. 2nd; All in favor; motion approved.

Unfinished Business:

WAA -The new signs need to be ordered. The old signs need to be repaired. The signs need to be placed around the weekend of October 17th (2 months prior to WAA ceremony on December 19th).

Hands Touching Hearts project: John T. gave a summary of HTH ceremonies for Mr. DeGray, Mr. Benevides, and most recently, Mr. Carney. A ceremony for John Franco is being planned. Joe Palombizio drove to the S.W. Farms, the Director reached out to the family and is waiting for a response. The facility is currently testing for COVID. Bruce said he had followed up with the Hartford based veteran, and left a message at Avery Heights.

New Business:

Eagle Scout Project: Drew Ellis' project has been determined - American Flag receptacles; and the benefactor has been chosen - the Patriotic Committee. If there are any extra funds, they would go to the Patriotic Committee. After discussion, a motion was made that should there be any remaining funds, as benefactor, the Patriotic Committee decided funds would go back to Ellington Troop #96. John C. 1st; Joe 2nd. All in favor; motion approved.

Drew Ellis is contacting locations where flag receptacles will be situated. Ted G. will check with Erin Graziani regarding the Senior Center since the center is still closed.

Wreaths Across America: the committee needs to start coordinating invitees. John T. will contact Julia at Town Hall re: inviting Chris Davis, Anwar Saud, and Lori Spielman. John C. said he can drop off the signs to Chris for repair and updating the dates. Jon said he has post drivers.

Miscellaneous:

Ted G. reported that Joe Palombizio discovered Stephen Tingley's name is spelled wrong on the plaque at the high school behind the auditorium. The cost to correct/replace the plaque is approximately \$1100. Joe B. asked about the flag at the high school memorial. He needs to know who manages the space because he wanted to put the flag at ½ staff on Memorial Day and the area was locked. He will attempt to track down the contact.

John T. asked Joe Palombizio about the statue installation. The permits are getting approved. The project is moving forward.

Motion to adjourn: Joe B. 1st; Chris 2nd. All in favor; motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room unless notified otherwise

Submitted by:
Rhonda Villanova

