

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD**  
**COMMISSION ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS**  
**Special Virtual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 7:00 PM**

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER, 7:06 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Kate Hamilton (Chair), Adam Raider (Secretary), John Johnson, Dave Pauluk, Alexis Davidoff, Matt Hart, John Keleher. Absent: Garrett Sheehan, Jeremy Donnelly. Guests: Town Clerk Essie Labrot, Heidi-Anne Mooney, Commander of American Legion Post 96.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Johnson moved that the minutes from the Commission's special meeting on April 19, 2022 be approved. Mr. Kelleher seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

**4. EVENT TO HONOR VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS IN WEST HARTFORD**

Town Clerk Essie Labrot spoke to the Commission about an event to be held in West Hartford that will honor Vietnam-era veterans in town. Like a similar event held years ago for Korean War era veterans, this is an initiative of Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz and will include the presentation of special certificates. Timeframe will be fall 2022 and location is still to be determined (likely one of the high schools). Ms. Labrot listed opportunities for Commission members to support this event, including publicity, identifying potential sponsors, and logistics. All Commission members in attendance agreed to serve as co-hosts of the event. Ms. Hamilton said she would create a list of tasks for members to choose from and distribute by email.

**5. AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE**

Heidi-Anne Mooney, Commander of American Legion Post 96, updated the Commission on upcoming Legion activities, including planting/removal of flags at Fairview Cemetery, speaking program following the Memorial Day Parade, Military Inductee Ceremony and Dinner at Town Hall, Celebrate West Hartford, installation of a flag retirement pit at Town Hall, and Police Officer/Firefighter of the Year Awards. Ms. Mooney talked about current Legion membership and her desire to engage younger veterans in town.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Raider made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Hamilton. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.