



Veterans Advisory Committee **SPECIAL** Meeting
Minutes of August 29, 2023

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
PRESENT:	Members Robert Challinor Jr., Jim Bradley, Dave Gilbert, Michael Vassar, Hans Lowell, Willie Bousquet (Ex Officio – Town of Putnam Parks and Recreation Department Head) New committee member applicant Mike Santerre also attended
ABSENT:	Brian Maynard (resignation letter received 8/29/23), Alan Joslin, Mayor Barney Seney (Ex Officio – Town of Putnam Executive Head). Arthur (Buster) Corey & Harold Charbonneau – Memorial Day Parade Committee.
1. Call to Order	Rob C. called the SPECIAL meeting to order at 6:22 PM. Quorum was met during roll call.
2. Pledge of Allegiance	
3. Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Sunday, September 24: Details/Final Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *\$15 tickets are printed, and were handed out to attendees to sell *Rec office & WINY will also have tickets to sell *Sign up sheets will go to the 3 senior congregate housing locations, Hans to deliver to those locations that day *Willie to arrange WINY interview for BBQ *Rob/Jim have cooks, servers and other delivery people set up and ready to work *Marcy make flyer to put on VAC webpage for the event
4. Veteran’s Park: Approve removal and replacement of trees on the Synagogue side of fence	*All viburnum plants now in place will be moved to various locations around town when arborvitaes are available
5. Veteran’s Park: Ellis Tech plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Electrical & masonry scopes have been submitted to Ellis Tech *Next step goes to state level for approval, then scheduling (elec 1st, then masonry)
6. Veteran’s Banner (Hometown Heroes) project status and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *List of 26 possibilities identified *Applications are updated and ready to go out to them *Hans goal to visit each of the 26 to answer any questions, get photos, etc and get as many of the 26 up for next year *Hometown Heroes banner committee to be led by Hans & established by October (open to anyone in Putnam – reports to VAC) *Need line item for HH banner funds to go into *Possible future addition of deceased family members maybe in separate display location

7.	Adjournment	Rob C adjourned the meeting at 7:04pm. Next meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2023
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Memorial Day Parade & Event Committee: Arthur “Buster” Corey, Harold Charbonneau