



STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND  
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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

## Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee

**Chairman**  
Christian Sauer

**Vice-Chairman**  
John Takach

**Secretary**  
Rhonda Villanova

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**Members**  
Joe Boucher  
Sara Landon  
James Lavey  
Cheryl Samborski  
Bruce Warkentin

**Student Representative**  
John M. Takach  
Steven Villanova

August 22, 2023

**Present:** Christian Sauer, Chairman  
John Takach, Vice-Chairman  
Rhonda Villanova, Secretary  
Sara Landon  
Bruce Warkentin

**Via Zoom:** James Lavey  
Cheryl Samborski

Chairman Sauer called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve June 27, 2023 meeting minutes; Takach 1st, Landon 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

John Takach gave an update on the speaker purchase. The order fell through. The company has discontinued the production of the companion speaker. He will look for a comparable option. He did get a battery replacement for the master unit via Amazon.

### **New Business:**

WAA - Bruce Warkentin called the WAA contact, Emily Carney, left a message regarding the Tedford Park/Athletic Event. WAA will have a display/trailer at the event. Chris Sauer reported current wreath purchases is at 278. Bruce asked when the letters will be sent out to local businesses – we sent them out around the end of September last year. John Takach has the template for the letter. Rhonda Villanova said the code for WAA purchases can be added to the main page of the AHPC website. The town newsletter can share the information about the before ceremony “Buy 2, Get 1” option and the after December ceremony option to “Buy 5 Get 2” option that goes from Christmas through to January 10<sup>th</sup>. The price for an individual wreath went up to \$17 from \$15. The VFW, American Legion and the Fire Department have given each year. Last year the total of wreaths bought reached 719.

Fireman's Fair (September 7, 8, 9) - Chris Sauer asked if there was any interest in having the float again this year, he can call Pete Hany, Jr for approval. A few people said yes. Ted Graziani will ask Lori Spielman about the wagon/tractor. The American Legion flag, American flag, (2) banners and the WAA sign can be placed on the wagon. There is still a box or more of flags to be handed out.

**Miscellaneous:**

Medallions - Chris Sauer reported having (12) medallions left. John Takach has (2).

Membership - John Takach met someone that wanted to join the AHPC. The person said they would join and come to the following meeting. He may have not submitted his paperwork in time to make the last Selectman meeting for approval.

Notices - Rhonda Villanova will get a notice placed in the town newsletter advertising for new members (adult and student representatives), and a request to Veteran families that may not have a medallion placed on their Veteran's grave yet.

**Motion to adjourn:** Samborski 1<sup>st</sup>, Warkentin 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

**Next Meeting:** September 26, 2023, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room unless notified otherwise.

Submitted by:  
Rhonda Villanova  
AHPC Secretary

