



Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of February 20, 2024

TOPIC		DISCUSSION
PRESENT:		Members: Robert Challinor Jr., Dave Gilbert, Jim Bradley, Hans Lowell Mayor Barney Seney (Ex Officio – Town of Putnam Executive Head)
ABSENT:		Members: Michael Vassar, Alan Joslin Willie Bousquet (Ex Officio – Town of Putnam Parks and Recreation Department Head) Harold Charbonneau & Arthur (Buster) Corey of Memorial Day Parade Committee.
1.	Call to Order	Rob C. called the meeting to order at 6:10PM. Quorum was met during roll call.
2.	Pledge of Allegiance	
3.	Public Comment – 3 minute maximum per person	None
4.	Approval of minutes from last meeting(s)	Approve Regular meeting minutes from January 9, 2024 Jim B made a motion, 2 nd by Dave G, no discussion, all approved.
5.	Communications	Bank statement, memorial brick orders still coming in.
6.	Reports of Standing Committees	A Cemetery Committee: no report B Flagpole Grove Street Monument: no report C Memorial Day Parade Committee: no report D Hometown Heroes Banners: no report
7.	Reports of Special Committee	A Veterans Park (127 Church Street) Revitalization-all phases: i. Memorial Bricks (qty 1859): Orders @ 225 now (including PAF) 1. MAJOR SPONSOR outreach continues. PAF donation received for 100 bricks = \$10,000 2. Fundraiser Event – Salute the Sponsors Bricks & Beatles, dinner dance March 23, 2024 at VFW. Tickets passed out. 3. Letters sent to area vet orgs for awareness/participation ii. Sidewalks & Electrical w/Ellis Tech: Rob C to get timeline so Barney town hwy dept can coordinate work iii. Monuments: Mike V still researching. Pricing coming in at approximately \$7,000 per monument. iv. Subcommittee to meet Monday, March 4, 6pm, Room 201 to have completed these assignments as discussed: - Rob C = connecting with Ellis Tech for timeline - Barney = coordinate with highway dept once the Ellis Tech timeline is set - Rob C = flagpole - Barney = gravel - Hans/Barney = Concrete pricing (Hans contacted JB Concrete, but they deal in precast only – they suggested to call Barnes Concrete) - Jim = pricing for other material needed

		Dave G & Alan = getting list of vets for donated bricks, starting w/WWI and WWII Mike V = get payment for Am Legion commitment for bricks, and list of who they know they want bricks for Rob C = Emblem signs order – 7 different x \$100 per ea Mike V = has already gathered info on monuments needed, still gathering details ???? WINY interview for another big push for orders B Quarterly Audit Status: (Barney, Dave G, Jim B): no report C Other: <i>NOT APPLICABLE IN A SPECIAL MEETING</i>
8.	Unfinished Business	A Tree Removal Nancy Drive, Aspinwall Cemetery: Cemetery is town property, highway department to take down the tree. No report
9.	Grant Considerations & Updates	No report
10.	New Business	<i>NOT APPLICABLE IN A SPECIAL MEETING</i>
11.	Public Comment – 3 minute maximum per person	None
12.	Adjournment	Jim B motion, Hans 2nd, meeting adjourned at 6:50pm. Next meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6pm, Room 201 <i>(2nd Tuesday unless otherwise noted)</i>

Members: Robert Challinor Jr., David Gilbert, Alan R. Joslin, Michael Vassar, Jim Bradley, Hans W. Lowell, 1 vacancy.

******4 members needed for quorum******

Willie Bousquet (Ex Officio – Town of Putnam Parks and Recreation Department Head), Mayor Barney Seney (Ex Officio – Town of Putnam Executive Head).

Memorial Day Parade & Event Committee: Arthur “Buster” Corey, Harold Charbonneau

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