



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  
Christian Cuthbert  
Sara Landon  
James Lavey  
Robert Poggie  
Cheryl Samborski  
Bruce Warkentin

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

February 27, 2024

Present: Christian Sauer, Chairman  
John Takach, Vice-Chairman  
Rhonda Villanova, Secretary  
Bruce Warkentin  
Joseph Boucher  
Christian Cuthbert  
Logan Takach  
(Via ZOOM) Cheryl Samborski, Sara Landon

**Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Chris Sauer**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Election of officers:** Motion to approve slate of officers: Christian Sauer - Chairman, John Takach - Vice-Chairman, Rhonda Villanova - Secretary; Boucher 1<sup>st</sup>, Samborski 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, passed unanimously

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to approve December 2023 meeting minutes; Takach 1<sup>st</sup>, Samborski 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve January 2024 meeting minutes; Takach 1<sup>st</sup>, Samborski 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor (abstained Boucher, was absent from previous meeting), otherwise passed unanimously

**Old Business:** Chris Sauer picked up new medallions and plans to place two more after placing one previously.

Flag Day – John Takach reported on update of date change. The Boy Scouts need to change the day due to a planned camping event. They would like to change it to a couple days earlier, placing it on June 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday or Wednesday). Pete Hany Jr. is fine with changing the date. It was reported previously that space is running out of space behind the church. Also, there is a proposal to add a burning day either late winter or in the fall. There will need to be extra time needed to cut flags that

cannot/should not be burned (i.e., synthetic flags that may cause toxic fumes). Chris Sauer suggested adding October 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be follow-up discussion to confirm.

Additional speaker - John Takach reported on continued delay in speaker delivery due to a chip issue. The speaker is coming from Taiwan. He is keeping tabs on this matter.

**New Business:**

**Memorial Day** - Logan Takach reported the flyover, most likely a C130, is scheduled for noon of Memorial Day. He is waiting for a response from the FAA. Logan is tasked with asking Mr. DeLassus for two buglers for the two cemetery ceremonies. Also, he has been asked to speak with Mr. Diamond regarding inviting the Treble Chorus to sing The National Anthem at the EHS ceremony.

Chris Sauer stated the town should be sending out forms for permits for road closures and police for the day of the parades.

Christian Cuthbert has been selected as the “special speaker” for the EHS ceremony.

Sara Landon asked about a request for a unit of marchers. She can get the forms but she can no longer put the request in. John Takach said he could sign off on the request. He and Sara will coordinate to get the forms submitted.

Rhonda Villanova will send out the task list to everyone again, especially since we have a few new people on the committee.

Bruce Warkentin will be awarding the Patriot Pen essay winners later this week. They will be invited to read their winning essays at the EHS ceremony.

**Motion to adjourn:** Boucher 1<sup>st</sup>, Samborski 2<sup>nd</sup> ; all in favor, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

**Next Meeting:** March 26, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room unless notified otherwise.

Submitted by:  
Rhonda Villanova  
AHPC Secretary

