



TOWN OF PUTNAM CT VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC)

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, **May 22, 2024** @ 11:30 am

Putnam Municipal Complex – ROOM 201 (upstairs)

200 School Street, Putnam, CT

TOPIC		DISCUSSION
PRESENT:		Members: Robert Challinor Jr., Dave Gilbert, Jim Bradley, Alan Joslin Mayor Barney Seney (Ex Officio – Town of Putnam Executive Head) Willie Bousquet (Ex Officio – Town of Putnam Parks and Recreation Department Head) Harold Charbonneau & Arthur (Buster) Corey of Memorial Day Parade Committee. Plus 1 guest
ABSENT:		Hans Lowell, Michael Vassar
1.	Call to Order	Rob C. called the meeting to order at 11:35AM. Quorum was met during roll call.
2.	Memorial Bricks / Fundraising	Status of Brick Sales /Solutions: A AVAILABILITY: Approx 1400 – 1500 Bricks still available, need to let public know as that is the most frequently asked question as of late. Goal to finish project within reasonable time frame and not have it linger on. B SIGNS: 2 “Bricks Still Available” signs are in and to be placed at each end of the park to drive sales. C “FINISH THE BRICKS” Campaign: Gary O presented the campaign, with a sample audio ad that would run until the campaign is complete and all bricks are sold/in. \$1000 cost for campaign & it will most likely be supported by a sponsor. Willie B to check on that sponsor possibility, who would then qualify for an 8x8” Project Partner brick. WINY would also qualify for an 8x8” Project Partner brick for their donation to the campaign. Barney suggested an edit to include “adopt a brick” to support the list of veterans we have. People without a specific veteran to buy for can opt for that. <i>Jim B made motion to accept the “Finish the Bricks” Campaign as presented, Alan J 2nd, all approved.</i> D PULLED PORK PICNIC: Rob & Jim B discussed details for Pulled Pork Picnic, Thursday June 13th, 4:30, drive-thru take-out or picnic at St Mary Church. Tickets \$15 ea or 2 for \$25. <i>Since St Mary is very generous of giving use of their facility & some work needs to be done there, Jim B made a motion for proceeds from the event be split between Veterans Park Improvements & St Mary Church. Dave G 2nd, all approved.</i> Rob to make sure the Church has no other activities scheduled for that night 6/13. 200 tickets to be ordered from Chase Graphics. Flyer created & will be distributed. E WINY Radio spot set for Thursday 5/30/24 @ 8am with Jim B, Rob, Barney to kick off campaign. BRING BRICK SAMPLE, PICNIC FLYER, SIGNS showing bricks still available Marcy to make a Goal Flagpole to be filled in as campaign progresses. F American Legion Golf Tourney: Alan J reminded all that proceeds will go to Vets Park
12.	Adjournment	Dave G motion, Jim B 2 nd , meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, June 11, 2024, 6PM, Room 201 (2nd Tuesdays of the month unless otherwise noted)

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

******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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