



TOWN OF PUTNAM CT VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC) **AGENDA**
Tuesday, **October 8, 2024** @ 6:00 PM *(2nd Tuesdays of the month, unless otherwise noted)*
Putnam Municipal Complex – ROOM 201 (upstairs)
200 School Street, Putnam, CT

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1. Call to Order by the Committee Chairman
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment – 3 – minute maximum per person
4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting September 10, 2024
5. Communications:
6. Reports of Standing Committees
 - A. Cemetery Committee:
 - B. Grove Street Monument:
 - C. Memorial Day Parade Committee/1st MEETING 11/12/24 @ 5pm before regular VAC mtg:
 - D. Hometown Heroes Banners/\$125 ea/DUE 8/1/25:
7. Reports of Special Committee
 - A. Veterans Park (127 Church St) Revitalization: all phases (total cost current @ \$205,525)
 1. Memorial Bricks
 - a) LAST ORDER (563 bricks) STATUS
 - b) Ellis Tech update
 - c) Next Phase Order DEADLINE 2/1/25
 2. Monuments
 - a) WWII new stones – completed/in place
 - b) WWII new bronze - UPDATE
 - c) 3 small new conflict stones - UPDATE
 - a Afghanistan/bankHometown
 - b Iraq/NEFK
 - c Desert Storm/JCSB
 3. Other
 - a) Benches & pads (4 new backless, 1 returning w/back) set around perimeter – UPDATE
 - b) 4 bench sponsor plaques (DVCoffeehouse, AmLeg, Green Valley Ortho, Elks)
 - c) Garbage cans & pads (2 new) set at each walkway entrance – received – UPDATE
 - d) Flags/flag cases for dedication
 - e) Dedication 11/10/24, 1pm – UPDATE
 - f) Town thank you lunch for town Highway, Water, Rec guys efforts – FRIDAY, NOV NOON, town community room
 - B. Quarterly audit status: Trustees Barney, Dave G, Jim B.
 1. Accountant status
 - C. Other:
 1. Beirut ceremony – SUNDAY, OCT 20, noon, Vets Park
 2. Elks Raffle (Bill & Janet) Status - UPDATE
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. Tree Removal @ Aspinwall Cemetery, Nancy Dr status – Leo Crane
9. Grant Considerations and Updates:
10. New Business:
 - a. Creation of VAC facebook page (Rob)
 - b. VAC logo
 - c. America 250 celebration planning & participation – assigned veteran to committee (event date 7/4/2026)

d. New VAC committee member needed

11. Public Comment: 3- minute maximum per person

12. Adjournment **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, November 12, 2024, 6PM, Room 201** *(2nd Tuesdays of the month unless otherwise noted)*

Members: Chairman Robert Challinor Jr. (11/30/28), Jim Bradley (11/30/30), David Gilbert (11/30/29), Alan R. Joslin (11/30/29), Hans W. Lowell (11/30/28), Michael Vassar (11/30/30), 1 vacancy. ******4 members needed for quorum******

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

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