



TOWN OF PUTNAM CT VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC) **AGENDA**

Tuesday, **November 12, 2024** @ 6:00 PM (*2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, unless otherwise noted*)

Putnam Municipal Complex – ROOM 201 (upstairs)

200 School Street, Putnam, CT

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76248421247?pwd=vgd1ANYqX48ivOXaq1TH44O6ie7QOr.1>

Meeting ID: 762 4842 1247

Passcode: nZcS79 (mbd acct)

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 October 8, 2024*
5. Communications:
6. Reports of Standing Committees
  - A. Cemetery Committee:
  - B. Grove Street Monument:
  - C. Memorial Day Parade Committee: *REPORTS of organizational meeting, Dates for upcoming meetings (March/April/May 2025), suggestions for Grand Marshal, keynote speaker and parade starter*
  - D. Hometown Heroes Banners/\$125 ea/DUE 8/1/25:
7. Reports of Special Committee
  - A. Veterans Park (127 Church St): (current costs = \$216,120 / current taken in = \$311, 205)
    1. Dedication Recap
    2. Memorial Bricks
      - a) 2025 ORDER DEADLINE 2/1/25
    3. Monuments
      - a) WWII bronze *UPDATE*
      - b) 3 small new conflicts – *backs & correction to 1 sponsor name*
    4. Other
      - a) Stone Wall removal / River Rock installation – *UPDATE*
  - B. Quarterly audit status: Trustees Barney, Dave G, Jim B.
  - C. Other:
    1. Beirut ceremony 10/20/24 – *REPORT OF EVENT*
    2. Elks Raffle drawing 11/7/24 – *RESULTS*
8. Unfinished Business
  - A. Tree Removal @ Aspinwall Cemetery, Nancy Dr – *STATUS*
  - B. VAC Facebook page (approved 8/13/24) – *UPDATE*
  - C. AMERICA 250 (7/4/2026 Cady Copp theme) – *STATUS OF HAVING A VETERAN ON COMMITTEE (Jim B decision)*
  - D. VAC member vacancy - *STATUS*
9. Grant Considerations and Updates:
10. New Business:
  - a. Review of 2025 meeting schedule for approval:

VAC 6pm, Room 201 (2nd Tues): 1/14/2025, 2/11/2025, 3/11/2025, 4/8/2025, 5/13/2025, 6/10/2025, 7/8/2025, 8/12/2025, 9/9/2025, 10/14/2025, **11/18/2025**, 12/9/2025, (*NOTE: 11/11 is Vet Day - town holiday - building closed, move meeting to next week*)

11. Public Comment: 3- minute maximum per person

12. Adjournment **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, December 10, 2024, 6PM, Room 201** (*2<sup>nd</sup> 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