



STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND
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June 23, 2026

Present: Chris Sauer, John Takach, Paul Fiasconaro, Rhonda Villanova, and Joe Boucher

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chris Sauer

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve May 20, 2026 meeting minutes; Takach 1st; Fiasconaro 2nd; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Chris Sauer reviewed end of year finances, including encumbered amount (\$459.08) and remaining \$858 he suggested donating to the America 250 committee.

Joe Boucher reported meeting a contact for the Jewish Cemetery (Paul Breslin) and making progress on getting the number of veterans buried there.

John Takach reported the pole/flags have arrived. John Streiber will run the wiring to the pole. There may be a small expense for the landscaping around the pole.

The committee discussed checking the invitation letter for Memorial Day participants explaining “appropriate” float displays that are “respectful” of the day.

Joe Boucher noted the Flag Day ceremony would be better if a speaker was used. The fire department has usually used theirs, there must have been a missed communication. The question of whether Flag Day should be advertised came up. The next flag retirement day will be in October. Joe also asked whether the Boy Scouts took the flags from the cemeteries for camp-outs. There was not a clear answer for that.

New Business:

Rhonda Villanova had a question about volunteers for Wreaths Across America. Interested parties can show up and assist as needed, no invitation required.

Joe Boucher asked if there should be a rededication ceremony for the POW/MIA monument once the new flag pole and flags are placed. The committee will discuss further at the meeting in August.

Motion to adjourn: Boucher 1st, Fiasconaro 2nd; all in favor, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 25, 2026, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Meeting Room unless notified otherwise.

Submitted by:
Rhonda Villanova
AHPC Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rhonda Villanova", is written over a light blue rectangular background.