

**Minutes of the BOXFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOXFORD TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM #1**

PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION CEREMONY

November 10, 2014 7:00PM

Present: Mary Anne Nay, Chuck Costello, Charlie Killam, Bill Cargill

Absent: Peter Perkins

Others Present: Town Administrator Alan Benson, and many veterans and family members

Meeting Called to Order

Selectwoman Nay called the meeting to order at 7PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Veterans Day:** Selectwoman Nay announced that a Veteran's Day ceremony will be held tomorrow, November 11, on the Melvin Green at 11AM.
- **US Marine Corps Birthday:** Selectwoman Nay announced that today is the 239th birthday of the US Marine Corps.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG: Nay introduced Kimberly Robertson, who sang the national anthem, while members of the American Legion Color Guard presented the American flag.

INVOCATION: Nay introduced American Legion chaplain, Ian Fitch, who gave the invocation.

READING SELECTION: Chaplain Fitch introduced U.S. Marine Corps Captain Bill Eckerson, who read a selection about the U.S. flag and led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PURPLE HEART PROCLAMATION: Selectwoman Nay asked Purple Heart recipients or their surviving family members to stand and be recognized, as she read aloud the proclamation, proclaiming Boxford a Purple Heart Community.

PRESENTATION BY THE MASSACHUSETTS ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Selectwoman Nay introduced Tim Perkins, Senior Vice Commander of the Massachusetts Order of the Purple Heart, who provided history and information on the Purple Heart and presented the Board of Selectmen with a certificate, naming Boxford a Purple Heart Community.

PRESENTATION OF PURPLE HEART CHALLENGE COINS: Selectwoman Nay asked all Purple Heart Veterans and/or their family members to come forward to receive a Purple Heart Challenge coin.

GOD BLESS AMERICA: Kimberly Robertson sang "God Bless America," as the American Legion Color Guard retired the flags.

BENEDICTION: American Legion Chaplain Ian Fitch gave the Benediction.

ADJOURN

The meeting of the Board of Selectman adjourned at 7:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Stickney

Minutes Secretary