

East Windsor Veterans Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7th, 2009

Opening:

This meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. at the East Windsor Town Hall meeting room by the Chairman, Ernie Teixeira. There were eight commission members present: Ernie Teixeira, Ron Hwalek, Mark Simmons, Gil Hayes, Ken Crouch, George Butenkoff, Rick Webster and Ed Filipone. A quorum was established.

Absent: Nick Macsata, Jim Barton, Bill Abbe, Sr.

Chairman, Ernie Teixeira, led the commission in reciting the “*Pledge of Allegiance*”

Added Agenda Items: None

Treasurer’s Report:

Ron Hwalek, Treasurer, reported no changes to the treasury from our last meeting.

Secretary’s Report:

Mark Simmons, Secretary, presented the minutes from the April 2, 2009 E.W.V.C. regular meeting for those present to review.

MOTION: George Butenkoff moved to accept the April 2, 2009, regular meeting minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Ed Filipone and carried unanimously.

Mark Simmons read a thank you note from Marilyn Butenkoff for the donation her group received from our commission.

Standing Committee Reports

Memorial Day Ceremony Committee:

Ernie Teixeira reported that our Memorial Day ceremony plans are on schedule. A discussion was held regarding various preparations needed for our ceremony and all tasks were within our time table. The assignments of EWVC members to place flags at our various cemeteries was also made. Ken Crouch also discussed his plans for a Memorial Day parade honor guard.

Poster / Essay Contest Committee: No report

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Scholarship Committee:

Mark Simmons presented, for the commission's review, copies of five male and eight female senior EWHS Senior scholarship applications. All identifying information was edited from each application copy.

The commission members scored each application and the following two EWHS Seniors were selected as recipients of the East Windsor Veterans Commission's \$500.00 scholarship awards for 2009:

Christopher Hayes

and

Jacquelyn Whitehead

Ernie Teixeira, Chairman, will present the scholarship awards on awards night at EWHS on Thursday, June 11, 2009.

Veterans Cemetery Project Committee:

Ken Crouch asked those assigned to install flags at our veterans' graves this Memorial Day weekend to see him after the meeting to collect the new flag holders he recently purchased. Ken also instructed the commission on the proper placement of flag holders at each grave site.

Veterans Day Road Race Committee: No report

New/Other Business:

Ernie Teixeira mentioned the request received for a donation for a new flag pole to be placed on the four town fair grounds. Ken Crouch reported that he is still working on this and will report back.

George Butenkoff opened a discussion on the East Windsor Veterans memorial project he was working on. After a brief discussion the consensus of the commission members present was to postpone this project at this time. Cost and commitment of resources were cited as reasons for postponing this project.

Ernie Teixeira reported the "free" sound system recently promised to the commission had not materialized. Mr. Yosky has, once again, agreed to set up our sound system for this Memorial Day Ceremony. Ernie asked Mr. Yosky to price a sound system for our use at our public events. Mark Simmons reminded the commission that several months ago the commission approved the purchase of a EWVC sound system using funds from our treasury.

MOTION: George Butenkoff moved to allocate up to \$300.00 for the purchase of food & refreshments for our post parade picnic this Memorial Day. This was seconded by Ed Filipone and carried unanimously.

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Ernie Teixeira asked the commission for nominations for EWVC officers for the current year. Ernie Teixeira expressed his desire to step down as Chairman and Ron Hwalek also asked to step down as Treasurer. No commission member present would accept a nomination as Chairman. Ernie Teixeira agreed to remain Chairman until such time his replacement could be made. Jim Barton was nominated as Vice Chairman, Mark Simmons was nominated as Secretary and Ed Filipone was nominated as Treasurer.

MOTION: Ken Crouch moved to approve those nominated for the EWVC office positions as stated. This was seconded by George Butenkoff and carried unanimously.

Ernie Teixeira asked for volunteers to serve on the "Cemetery Committee" per C.G.S. 27-123 for appointment this June 2009. Commissioners Ron Hwalek, Gil Hayes and George Butenkoff volunteered to serve on this committee pending Board of Selectman approval and appointment.

Ernie Teixeira reminded those present that our next regular meeting will be held on

Thursday, June 4th, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall.

Hearing of no further business to come before the commission Ernie Teixeira asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: George Butenkoff moved to adjourn this meeting. This was seconded by Ron Hwalek and carried unanimously.

Ernie Teixeira closed this meeting at 8:38 P.M.

Submitted by,

Mark Simmons, Secretary EWVC

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