

East Windsor Veterans Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 4, 2009

Opening:

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the East Windsor Town Hall meeting room by the Chairman, Ernie Teixeira. There were eight commission members present: Ernie Teixeira, Jim Barton, Ron Hwalek, Mark Simmons, Gil Hayes, Ken Crouch, George Butenkoff, and Ed Filipone. A quorum was established.

Absent: Nick Macsata, Rick Webster, Ed Bonnetti and Bill Abbe, Sr.

A visiting guest, Dan Onofrio, was also present.

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

George Butenkoff also requested those present to observe a moment of silence honoring the memory of the brave Americans who fought and who paid the ultimate sacrifice at the “D-Day Invasion” sixty-five years ago.

Added Agenda Items: None

Treasurer’s Report:

Ed Filipone, Treasurer, submitted his treasurer’s report showing a balance of \$17,044.96 in the EWVC Trust Fund. The EWVC Revolving Fund has a negative balance of (\$2,823.53). The EWVC Memorial Brick account has a balance of \$1,155.00 and a donation of \$100.00 was received.

MOTION: George Butenkoff moved to accept the treasurer’s report as read. This was seconded by Gill Hayes and carried unanimously.

Secretary’s Report:

Mark Simmons, Secretary, presented the minutes from the May 7, 2009 E.W.V.C. regular meeting for those present to review.

MOTION: George Butenkoff moved to accept the May 7, 2009, regular meeting minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Ron Hwalek and carried unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

Memorial Day Ceremony Committee:

A discussion was held regarding our ceremony held at the Warehouse Point green last May 25th, 2009. Many complimentary comments were received on our parade and service. The picnic held afterward at the American Legion Post #40 was also very well attended.

Poster / Essay Contest Committee: No report

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Scholarship Committee:

Chairman, Ernie Teixeira, will attend the EWHS Awards Night on Thursday June 11, 2009, to present our \$500.00 scholarship awards to each recipient.

Veterans Cemetery Project Committee:

Mark Simmons reported that at the last Board of Selectman's meeting all three "Cemetery Committee" members' appointments were approved: Gil Hayes, Ron Hwalek and George Butenkoff

Veterans Day Road Race Committee:

Mark Simmons reported that he had met with Warren Wenz, EWVC Honorary Member, and discussed plans to solicit funds for our Veterans Day race ad booklet. Warren had given Mark Simmons business cards and other data needed to properly conduct a solicitation drive of our businesses and other donors. The information from Warren was provided to those present and Ed Filipone took charge of Warren's business cards and the 2008 ad booklet for reference. Ernie Teixeira discussed the need to get started on this task and suggested a special meeting to formulate a plan.

MOTION: George Butenkoff moved to hold a special meeting of the East Windsor Veterans Commission on Thursday, August 13, at 7:00 P.M. at the East Windsor Town Hall meeting room to discuss plans for our 2009 race day fund raising drive. This was seconded by Mark Simmons and carried unanimously.

New/Other Business:

George Butenkoff opened a discussion on the East Windsor Veterans memorial project he was working on. This project had been indefinitely postponed at our last meeting. George said that he was still going to research veterans' names and look into sources of revenue for this project.

Ernie reported on obtaining a sound system for our use at our public events. Ernie contacted Mr. Bob Yosky who will review our plans and will advise us on what would be best for our needs.

Ernie Teixeira presented an invoice for \$350.00 for ten memorial wreaths used for the Memorial Day cemetery and monument displays.

MOTION: George Butenkoff moved to pay the \$350.00 bill for the memorial wreaths from the EWVC Treasury. This was seconded by Ed Filipone and carried unanimously.

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

Thursday, August 13, 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 8:02 P.M.

Submitted by,
Mark Simmons, Secretary EWVC

Approved: _____