

Minutes of the Special Meeting
Veteran's Memorial Committee
March 2, 2017
7:00 pm
45 Farmington Ridge Drive

Present:

Alan Nickerson, Chair
Paul Krause
Justin Bernier
Tyson Belanger
James Hayes
Paula Ray, Secretary
Gary Palumbo, Council Liaison

A. Review of Minutes

Motion was made and seconded (Bernier/Belanger) to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2014 Veteran's Memorial Committee meeting with the following correction:

- Delete the sentence under Old Business/Flag Riverside Cemetery – The Committee decided after discussion that a dedication ceremony for the flag would be held on Army Captain Eric Paliwoda May 20, 2015 just prior to the annual poppy sale.

Adopted unanimously.

B. Review of Financial Position

The Committee reviewed the financial report recorded with these minutes as Agenda Item B-1 showing a balance of \$16,516 available to the Committee.

C. Old Business:

a. Determination of Engraving re: Eric Paliwoda

After discussion it was decided Mrs. Ray and Mr. Nickerson would be responsible to have Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003-2011 and Eric Paliwoda engraved on the memorial at Town Hall.

Motion was made and seconded (Kraus/Bernier) no new conflicts would be added to the memorial at Town Hall unless it was determined there was a serviceman or servicewoman meeting the criteria for inclusion on the Town Hall Memorial of the Veteran's Memorial Committee and with the approval of the Veteran's Memorial Committee.

Adopted unanimously.

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D. New Business:

a. New member orientation

The Chair passed out orientation materials to the new members and gave a history of the Committee and its responsibilities.

b. Composition and Mission of Committee

The Committee discussed developing a webpage for the Town of Farmington's website including photos and write ups about each of the veteran memorials in Town, information about what veterans activities take place in Town such as the placing of flags at veteran graves at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day, the Memorial Day Parade activities, veterans dinners and lunches and general resource information for veterans such as VA Homeless Veterans 1-877-424-3838, Hartford Vet Center 1-860-563-8800, Military One Source 1-800-342-9647 and National Suicide Prevention Line 1-800-273-8255. Mrs. Ray agreed to work with the Town to establish the webpage, and Mr. Nickerson agreed to work on the content for the webpage.

The Committee approved Mr. Nickerson buying new flags for the Riverside Cemetery Memorial.

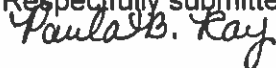
The need for a meeting in the fall to update the Committee on the webpage was discussed.

c. Additional Funding

A discussion took place noting that all of the money used to build the Memorial at Town Hall had been raised by the Committee from private donations from Town residents and businesses. Other projects funded by these private donations included the reproduction of the WWII Wall of Honor in Town Hall and the Veterans Memorial Flag in the Riverside Cemetery. As these expenditures and other proposals to honor Farmington's veterans continue to decrease the fund balance, the possibility of raising further funding from Farmington residents and organizations was discussed.

Motion was made and seconded (Hayes/Belanger) to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula B. Ray, Secretary

TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL FUND
FINANCIAL REPORT

Agenda Item B-1

	<u>As of</u> <u>30-Jun-16</u>	<u>As of</u> <u>31-Jan-17</u>
<u>Balance Sheet</u>		
Cash	\$ 16,497	\$ 16,516
Fund Balance	\$ 16,497	\$ 16,516

Income & Expense Statement

Revenues		
Interest Income	\$ 33	\$ 19
Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net Result of Operations	\$ 33	\$ 19
Fund Balance. Beg of Year	\$ 16,464	\$ 16,497
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 16,497</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,516</u></u>