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York Maine Committee for Veterans Affairs Meeting Minutes 6pm, Tuesday, March 22, 2022 York Public Library, Wheeler Room

Members present; Bill Blaisdell, Jimmy Carabello, Roger Clements, Lew DiTommaso, Michael Dow, Mel Spelman, Barry Waddell. Absent; Wade Fox. Others present; Don LeFante.

Call To Order

Barry Waddell called the Committee for Veterans Affairs (CVA) to order @ 6:01pm.

Note; Barry took a moment to read the names of the four Marines who died when their Osprey aircraft crashed Friday night, 3/18/22, in a Norwegian town located in the Arctic Circle during a NATO exercise

1. Minutes from 22 February 2022 meeting reviewed. Roger Clements approved, Barry Waddell seconded. Approved 7-0
2. Budget Status; Bill Blaisdell;
 - a. 4 expenditures (purchases) are posted in error.
 - b. Banner expenditure verbiage needs to be consistent and clarified.
 - c. Spreadsheet handout is incorrect and will be repaired at a later date.
3. Chairman's Report; Barry Waddell;
 - a. Flag Retirement; Heritage Monument is a GO. Discussion about how the flags are collected will be done via both the VFW and American Legion. The inclusion of collection protocols is a possibility being discussed for the town website.
 - b. Memorial Day; Barry passed out 3 documents: The first being a Memorial Day Parade Action Planning Guide, second was the Memorial Day Parade Invitation List and third, a draft for the Parade Participants. Discussion will be completed by the Memorial Day Sub Committee and recommendations brought forward. Discussion on how to promote the event was through social media and local newspapers will be continued once everything is sorted out and finalized. Major General Tom Spencer will be speaker and Grand Marshall. The Chaplain proposal was Phil Roy, however he declined. Barry will recruit one or two pastors. A 10am



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start for the parade was proposed by Barry, Lew seconded, voted 6-1 in favor.

- c. Veterans Day Breakfast 2022; Parks and Recreation's request for the CVA to coordinate and oversee the entire event. Motion by Lew, seconded by Roger, approved 5-0 with 1 abstaining.
- d. CVA discussed York's hosting of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's USS North Dakota for the calendar year 2023. Approved 5-0 with 2 abstaining.
- e. All upcoming events (March 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day, May 30 Memorial Day, June 14 Flag Day, June 30 Term expiration for Barry, Bill and Roger, July 4th Independence Day, and August 7 National Purple Heart Day) were discussed and will continue in future meetings.
- f. Recruitment of New Members; Volunteer (soon to be vetted) Don LeFante was nominated to assume the Treasurer's duties and Mel Spelman was nominated to assume the Chairman's duties, both effective in June 2022. Mike motioned, Lew seconded, motion approved 5-0 with 1 abstaining.
- g. Next Committee meeting will be 4/26/22 at a site TBD.

4. Placement of Purple Heart Signs Downtown, Mike Dow;

Mike passed out a proposed "map" of where the three 12x18 signs will be placed; One will be near the Vietnam War memorial on York Street. Another will be just before the STOP sign entering the Village on the right of Long Sands Road and the 3rd will be adjacent to a 25 MPH Sign, on the right, across from St. Christopher's Church, York Street. CVA voted on purchasing the signs at a cost to not exceed \$150. Mike motioned, Roger seconded; approved 6-0.

5. York Schools Update, Roger Clements; n/a

6. WAA Update, Lew DiTommaso;

We just received confirmation for our 2022 participation and also our location ID at First Parish Cemetery to ensure sponsorship monies get directed to FPC and that wreaths are shipped here.

7. CVA Website update, Lew DiTommaso; n/a

8. VFW Update, Jimmy Carabello; n/a due to a family emergency

9. American Legion report; Wade Fox n/a

10. Street banners Update, Michael Dow;



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Mike motioned for CVA to purchase a 30"x60" Street Display Banner to be displayed at the York Historical Society and York Schools. Cost not to exceed \$450. Mel seconded, motion approved 6-0.

11. Old Business

Mel handed out a mockup for the Information Brochure. Mel will be sending out an updated mockup electronically for review as well as a cost estimate or printing.

12. Barry Motioned to adjourn at 8:39pm.



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