

**Veterans Affair Committee**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 20, 2023**

PRESENT: W. Willinsky, T. Dickerson, W. Petras, J. Sterry, R. Spooner (A) (A) = Alternate

ABSENT: R. Cote (Note: R. Farrington has passed away. C. Rouleau and M. Foreman (A) have resigned.)

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

**1. CHAIRMAN CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman W. Willinsky called the REGULAR meeting to order at 1833 at the American Legion Hall, located at 12 Freestone Avenue, Portland, Connecticut.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY**

**3. ACCEPT AGENDA**

**Agenda accepted as written.**

**4. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by S. Petras, seconded by W. Willinsky to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2023 meeting as written. **All were in favor. Motion passed.**

**5. SECRETARY'S REPORT (T. Dickerson)**

There are three vacancies on the VAC. T. Dickerson will submit a post to the River East Newspaper.

**6. VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT (J. Sterry)**

**Nothing to Pass.**

**7. VETERANS BENEFITS & INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT (S. Petras)**

S. Petras passed that there will be a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Ceremony on Thursday, March 30th at 11:00AM. This will be held at the Goldstar Families Memorial Auditorium, Department of Veterans Affairs, 287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT.

**8. COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT (Vacant)**

**Nothing New.** No one knew if this position was designated in the Board of Selectman's establishment of the VAC or not so we will have to investigate if we need BoS approval to do away with this position.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

It is believed that the proposed budget for the new FY will include \$4,000 for veterans' activities again.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**11. GENERAL DISCUSSION / PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

A motion was made by S. Petras, seconded by W. Willinsky to adjourn the meeting. **All were in favor, motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy E. Dickerson

Recording Secretary