

VETERANS SERVICES COMMITTEE (VSC)
TOWN OF MADISON
July 17, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Sharon Schilling, Paulette Lowry, Gary Palmer, Cheryl Harris (arrived 4:39 pm). Not in Attendance (excused): Ken Sweet, Gary Bent(alternate).

Others Present: Aysia Morency, Videographer

Where and When Posted: Notice was posted in the Town Office upper and lower levels and in Madison and Silver Lake Post Offices. Postings were done on March 28, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: 4:30 PM by Schilling at Town Hall.

Roll Call/Elevation of Alternates: Members present constituted a quorum no alternate elevation.

Approval of Draft Minutes: Minutes of the June 19th, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Lowry, 2nd by Palmer; unanimous vote. There are no minutes from July 3rd as that meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

Public Comments: None

New Business: - Palmer read a statement to the board regarding getting additional cooperation and participation from Madison and Silver Lake veterans to participate in Veterans Day events. He was made aware that the Madison Elementary School has an event usually the day before Veterans Day (since it is a holiday and school is usually closed on the actual Veterans Day). Palmer agreed to get in touch with Heather Woodward (MES Principal) to discuss planning and participation. Harris will get in touch with Madison Recreation to discuss with them.

Schilling brought up the idea that Madison could have VSO visits from the Manchester VA for future meetings and events, they are open to it as long as they have enough notice to find someone to come up.

PACT Act: Schilling discussed the deadline to make application AND have claim be retroactive is August 9th, 2023. After that time, you can still apply but any compensation will not be retroactive.

Old Business: OLD HOME WEEK: Lowry had been in touch with OHW representative and gotten permission for a table (free of charge) and the form that needs to be filled out. Schilling will fill it out and get it to Kate Stanley. The Committee will “man” the table. Probably no VSO from Manchester due to it being so close to the deadline for PACT Act applications. Discussed getting something to make the table stand out more. Schilling will pursue getting a temporary paper banner for OHW and pursue cost of a real banner for future use.

Veterans Grave stones/Markers: Schilling did some research regarding this based on the comment from Lowry that she had been told that a widow was denied a headstone for her husband by the funeral home, saying he didn't qualify. Schilling provided the info to Lowry to give to the widow and find out why the funeral home said he didn't qualify.

Administration: Schilling reminded everyone of the importance of indicating if you are unable to attend a meeting so as not to encumber the videographer if we know ahead of time that we will not have a quorum and will need to cancel the meeting.

Adjournment and next meeting: All business being concluded, Palmer motioned and Harris seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25PM. Next meeting is August 7th at 4:30PM

Minutes taken by S. Schilling