

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE (VSC)
TOWN OF MADISON
March 18, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Sharon Schilling, Ron Force, Gary Palmer, Ken Sweet (alternate),
Not in Attendance (excused): Paulette Lowry, Cheryl Harris

Others Present: Carol Dandeneau, Videographer

Where and When Posted: Notice was posted in the Town Office upper and lower levels and in Madison and Silver Lake Post Offices.

Meeting Called to Order: 5:00PM by Schilling at Town Hall. Sweet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call/Elevation of Alternates: Members present constituted a quorum. Sweet elevated to voting member.

Approval of Draft Minutes: Minutes of the November 6, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion by Palmer 2nd by Sweet. Approved unanimously. Force abstained since he was not a member of the sitting board from November 2023.

Public Comments: None

New Business: - discussion of getting updated addresses for resident veterans. Schilling will send Force the spreadsheet that currently exists.

Old Business: Veterans Property Tax Credit: the adoption by the State Legislature of the amendment to the RSA 72-28 updated the ability to extend the towns Veterans tax credit to ALL veterans without regard to dates of service. The Warrant Article presented to the voters at the 2023 Town Meeting only discussed continuing the current RSA, with no mention of the change. It is unclear whether this was the intended outcome..we will continue to pursue this issue.

Veterans Day/Memorial Day: Force led a discussion about getting the VSC more involved with these town events. Support to Mike Brooks planning efforts, assisting with flag staking etc. Discussed use of the electronic, portable billboard etc. The committee was highly in favor of supporting but doesn't know how or where that support might be needed. Force to reach to and discuss with Mike Brooks and to find out who owns/manages the electronic billboard.

Quilts of Valor: Schilling indicated that Clarice Girourd reached out and said there is at least one quilt that is being worked on. We talked about having a list in our pockets regarding our older veterans so that we don't lose one before presenting a quilt to them.

Veterans Monument: Schilling indicated that she had talked to Town Administrator and the Monument was all set for the repairs to be done in the spring.

Town Website: Schilling indicated that by all appearances, the website was being updated. We are not sure how far into the process it is, but will ask at Town Hall and get a status.

Administration: Discussed meetings for rest of year. Following dates are to be VSC Meetings at Town Hall at 5PM: April 18, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18 and Dec 16.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: There being no further business, Palmer motioned and Sweet seconded the motion to adjourn. The committee adjourned at 6:00 PM with the next meeting being April 15th, 2023 at 5:00 PM.