

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MADISON
April 15, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Schilling, Palmer, Lowry, Force, Sweet(alternate)
Not in Attendance (excused): Harris

Others present: Amanda Hayford; Videographer

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

Meeting Called to Order: 5:02PM by Schilling, Lowry led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Elevation of Alternates: Members present represent a quorum, no elevation of alternates necessary.

Election of Officers: Schilling was nominated by Lowry as Chair, 2nd by Palmer. Unanimous vote for Schilling as VSC Chairman.
Lowry was nominated by Schilling as Vice Chairman, 2nd by Palmer. Unanimous vote for Lowry as VSC Vice Chairman.

Approval of Draft Minutes: Minutes of the March 18th meeting were approved on a motion by Force and 2nd by Sweet. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None

New Business: None

Old Business:

- a) Veterans Tax credit: Committee discussed the best process to change the towns current wording that follows the old RSA to wording of the updated RSA that allows inclusion of all veterans who honorably served. Agreed that a Warrant Article on next year's ballot would be the cleanest way to make the change. Sweet agreed to develop preliminary wording for a Warrant Article to review at the June meeting.

- b) Memorial Day: Force indicated that he spoke to Michael Brooks regarding the VSC's offer of support and assistance for the Memorial Day celebration. Brooks indicated that the planning is mostly taken care of and he is not in need of any assistance. Force indicated to Brooks that he understood and the VSC was here if something came up and he needed any support.
Additional discussion then centered around additional visibility of the event. Discussed posting notices on FaceBook, the Town Website, sending it to "The Madison Boulder" and potentially using the digital sign. Force will send info to Madison Boulder and ask the Town about the digital sign. Sweet to talk to Linda about the ability to update website.
- c) Update of Veterans addresses: Sweet to talk to John Arruda about setting a table up at the Towns transfer station to gather veterans names and info. It was suggested to also table at Old Home Week
- d) Quilts of Valor: Extensive discussion regarding the VSC's role and responsibility. Lowry to contact Clarice Girouard to get additional info regarding progress on quilt(s) and getting nominating info. Talked about distributing the QOV info and not act as a nominating committee. Tabled the rest of the discussion to the next meeting when we might have more info.

Administration: None

Adjournment and Next Meeting: There being no further business, Sweet motioned and Lowry seconded the motion to adjourn. The committee adjourned at 6:20PM with the next meeting being scheduled for May 20th, 2024 at 5PM.

Minutes created by S. Schilling