

**VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**TOWN OF MADISON**  
**May 20, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Committee Members Present:** Schilling, 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:** 5:01PM by Schilling, Force led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Approval of Draft Minutes:** Minutes of the April 15th meeting were approved on a motion by Lowry and 2nd by Sweet. Approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

New Business: None

Old Business:

- a) Memorial Day Support – Schilling had been asked by several townspeople about the Memorial Day events schedule. They had not seen anything advertised so far. Force stated that it is disconcerting that nothing is being published and it is only a week away. Lowry indicated that she had approached the new Minister (Reverend Anderson) at Henry Forrest funeral to ask if he had been contacted as it is usually the Reverend who participates at the cemetery. He said he had and that the gathering would be at High Street at 8am and that there will be a parade. Force again expressed disappointment over the lack of visibility and transparency regarding the events/schedule. No one knew if the KHS Marching band would be participating. Also discussed if the bus would be available to shuttle those wishing to ride vice walk. Again, no info. All agreed there needs to

be more transparency and better advertising. Since we are still a week out, lets see if it all gets advertised and follow up at the June meeting.

- b) Veterans Monument: Lowry talked to Brooks, and he indicated he needed to follow up with Arthurs Memorials. Will double back on this at future meeting.
- c) Veterans Tax credit: Sweet has until June meeting to create draft language for a Warrant Article. Schilling offered to assist with reading/editing if needed. Will see at June meeting.
- d) Table at Transfer Station: Sweet has not talked to Arruda yet about putting one there.
- e) Quilts of Valor: Lowry talked to Cecile (the lead at the Berlin organization) about how they decide who to award quilts to. They take the recommendations/applications they receive. They do not go looking for people. The committee agreed our best course is to act as an education conduit to let people know the organization exists and distribute their flyers. Force said he would put something in the Madison Boulder, Schilling will email him the About info from the program that was created for the ceremony. Sweet to put something on Town of Madison Facebook page. All of this brought up a discussion of DD-214's which led to Honor Guards for funerals and Sweet reminded everyone that the Patriot Guard is available for ceremony's/events as well.

**Administration:** None

**Adjournment and Next Meeting:** There being no further business, Lowry motioned and Force seconded the motion to adjourn. The committee adjourned at 5:29PM with the next meeting being scheduled for June 17th, 2024 at 5PM.

Minutes created by S. Schilling