

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HAMDEN VETERANS COMMISSION
HELD VIA ZOOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021**

Commissioners Present: Mr. Best, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Lupi, Mr. Maebry, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Shepard, Mr. Weil

Commissioners Absent: Ms. Torello

Guests: Cherie Strucaly

Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2020 - APPROVED.

Veterans Day – November 11, 2020 – The ceremony was held outside at the Monument. Mr. Jackson commented on how well it went and it was very controlled due to Covid. All were cooperative. The Post 150 point of contact will be determined by Mr. Oakes.

Meeting Schedule 2021 – Reviewed and approved by all. Mr. Mitchell questioned why we have no meetings in July and August. The HVC has never scheduled meetings during July & August.

Update Veterans Commission on Town Web Site – All Updates have been completed.

HVC Coins to people involved in “Flag” on Lawn – A Coin will be presented to Karl Zunkunft, the artist who painted the Flag on the lawn in front of the Monument. Ken Paecht, the Superintendent of Parks has already received a Coin from the HVC.

Memorial Day Ceremony – Lawn in front of Monument May 31, 2021 – Ceremony will be held outside with restrictions due to Covid. Discussion on the number of people and the Press Release. Mr. Shepard said a PA system should be used. The Arts Commission has one we can borrow.

TAPS - Ms. Lupi will contact 2 young men from HHS who are now in college. If they are not available Mr. Mitchell will find an audio version we can use. Mr. Weil will check on Guest Speaker. Mr. Oakes said he would arrange for the Color Guard. Mr. Weil suggested and all agreed to have a dress rehearsal at the Monument.

There was discussion on dry run/practice Zoom meetings. There were questions on using the Town’s official format. Mr. Goodwin offered his services as a Town employee.

Mr. Oakes brought up Flags. Ms. Lupi will give him a count of what we have. Leftovers are stored in the Mayor’s Office. Mr. Oakes will contact Bill Earley, the ROTC and the VFW/Ron Maebry.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05p

Submitted by: Deborah Gaiolini
Deborah Gaiolini, HVC Clerk

*Transcribed by Elissa Lupi