

Wakefield Veterans Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Jay Pinette called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wakefield Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Chairman Pinette, Recording Secretary Pam Hart, Don Hart, Dan Benjamin, Melinda Cook and Bob Ettinger. VSO Dave Mangan was present. Absent was Rick Pearson.

The meeting focused mainly on the upcoming Veterans Day program at the Galvin Middle School on Nov. 11.

The September 2019 Minutes will be discussed and voted on at the November meeting.

Veterans Day

The school auditorium is set for use; Boy Scouts have been contacted and will present colors. The Girls Scouts have been contacted. Rev. John Dale of First Parish Congregational Church will give the invocation. WHS Chamber Singers and Chorale Society will perform. Wakefield VSO will be guest speaker. State Senator Lewis and Representatives Wong and Brodeur have been invited. Eric Sherman will be contacted to see if any new pavers have been installed. Pam Hart will contact Honey Dew to see if he will, once again, provide coffee and donuts.

New Business

Due to various health issues, Member Tom Collins will be resigning from the Board.

Members were in agreement the current Board size should be increased to possibly 13 people.

Wreaths Across America

“Wreaths Across America” (WAA) will be delivered to Wakefield on Dec. 14 to be placed on Veterans’ graves in Forest Glade Cemetery. The Board will undertake activities in November in an effort to increase awareness of WAA and drive up the number of wreaths delivered to Wakefield this year.

Chairman Pinette will be meeting with a local Boy Scout to review his Eagle Scout project which will be to clean cemetery headstones.

Members would like to put together a “Veterans’ Corner “ column in the local paper.

Adjournment

Don Hart motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bob Ettinger. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Pam Hart

Minutes approved by: Jay Pinette