

Shelburne Veterans Committee

Monday, July 19, 2021

Shelburne Town Office

Present: Chairman Bud Ockert, Sam Feitelberg, Al Dunbar, Peter Gadue,, Jim Donaldson, Paul Goodrich and Colleen Haag Henry Harder was unable to attend.

MEMORIAL DAY WRAPUP: Bud Ockert stated he thought the ceremony went well with good attendance. He is actively looking for a woman veteran for next year's event.

He stated that Tom Little has been the Master of Ceremonies for this event for at least 20 years and there should be a recognition of his participation in the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2021 MEETING: A motion was made by Peter Gadue, seconded by Paul Goodrich to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously,

Bud and other members discussed the issue of getting younger veterans to participate as committee members. He stated it was important to have the participation of our youth and the significance of the wreath laying ceremony that the Boy Scouts do each year.

FINANCIALS: Colleen Haag stated there was \$18,374.33 in the veterans line item as of July 21, 2021.

She asked if the committee would be willing to send Mary Dearborn who volunteered to put together and print the handouts for memorial day a small stipend for professional work. A motion was made by Jim Donaldson, seconded by Paul Goodrich to send a check from the account for \$50 with a thank you note. Carried unanimously.

Colleen brought up the topic of redoing the brochure as handouts for the Farmer's Market etc. All were in favor and pictures and print will need to be organized to send for print.

BOY SCOUTS MERIT BADGE: Sam Feitelberg discussed contacting Brian Irwin, Scoutmaster, about interest in Boy Scouts achieving a badge based on patriotism. All were in agreement with pursuing this with the Scoutmaster.

Maintenance: Jim Donaldson stated Atkins Lettering who have engraved our bricks in the past have gone out of business and there is no one in the state who has this expertise. He has been in touch with someone at the Bristol Legion and they get their bricks engraved from Permanent Mark out of Clinton, Massachusetts. He will pursue this avenue further. All were in agreement that Dave Hall did a great job with the landscaping and Matt Fitzgerald with the cleaning of the monument prior to Memorial Day.

FARMERS MARKET: Bud handed out discussion comments of what we want to accomplish by being at the market given fewer of us to man the booth. It was discussed and agreed that the tent would not be needed for every market and our table and sign and handouts would be sufficient. We will continue to collect money for the maintenance of the monument. We will use the tent for Shelburne Day, August 21, 2021. Our presence is ideal for overseeing the monument on Saturdays and public relations.

Adjournment was at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Colleen Haag