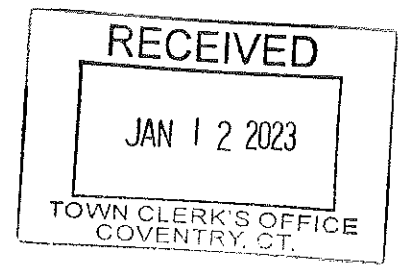


Coventry Veterans Memorial & Events Commission
January 10, 2023 -- Meeting Minutes
Location: Town Hall #B



Attendance: Peter DePaola, Jamie DePaola, Rick Nowsch, Bill Glenney

Meeting called to order: 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: No December meeting. Minutes were approved for November 2022.

2023 Events:

- March 29, 2023: The Commission will organize a ceremony to be held at the monument on Wednesday, March 29th.
- April or May: Schedule clean-up day at the Veterans Memorial Park. Tentative date discussed is May 13th. (Last year we scheduled April 30th)
- CT Veterans Day Race: Scheduled for Saturday, November 4th at Patriots Park.
- Additional Events: New events will be published on the Commission FB site and email as they arise.

Old Business:

- CT Vietnam War Memorial: The monument has been repaired. John Elssessor coordinated the project with Earth Dynamics for a few hundred dollars. Well Done!

New Business:

- Memorial Park Benches: The benches are in need of repair / replacement. Will reach out to Windham Tech (and other Tech schools in the region) to see if they would be interested in this project. The benches are made of cast iron frames with wooden slats for the bench. The cast iron is in good shape, but the wood needs replaced.
- Cannon at Memorial Park: The wooden wheels of the cannon are deteriorating due to rot (weather related.) The commission will contact Windham Tech and other Tech schools in the regions for support, as has been done in the past. Findings will be presented to the Town Council.
- Jamie met a veteran at the Griswold Veterans Coffee House and he asked how to get a copy of "612" which the students at CNHS wrote about the CT Vietnam veterans killed in action; which provoked the CT Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monument to be built in Coventry. Tom Dziak (retired teacher) offered to send a flash drive with the PDF of the book. The 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War will be in 2025.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall #B.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie DePaola
Coventry VMEC Secretary