



Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6:30 PM
District One Schoolhouse, 1862 VT Route 106, Perkinsville VT

MINUTES

Present: Alison Roth, Dylan Brown, Patience Bearse, Mark Richardson, deForest Bearse

Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

1. Election of Chair

Mr. Richardson called for nominations for Chair. Ms. Roth nominated Mrs. Bearse. There were no other nominations. All were in favor.

2. Revisit mission of VMC

Mrs. Bearse provided a history of the Veterans Memorial Committee for the newest members. The mission of the Committee has been:

The mission of the Weathersfield Veterans Memorial Committee shall be the honoring of all military veterans. This mission shall be carried out by:

- *Annually hosting ceremonies of tribute and honor on Memorial Day and Veterans Day;*
- *Maintaining the Roll of Honor of all veterans who have served in the military as residents of Weathersfield;*
- *Maintaining the Veterans Memorial Park and monument;*
- *Continuing to educate Weathersfield school students about veterans and what it means to serve one's country;*
- *Any other activity deemed appropriate to carry out the mission of the Committee.*

Everyone agreed that this is still appropriate and agreed not to change it.

3. Set goals for 2023

All agreed that the goals for this year will be to hold the annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies and to refresh the memorial garden. Rika Henderson has offered to help with the garden again this year. Mr. Brown volunteered to help as well.

Neither the Roll of Honor nor the side panels need to be updated this year. However, it is good to keep them in mind for ideas. Mr. Brown suggested making the next panel to be replaced in honor

of Mrs. Shand who recently passed away. Everyone agreed with the idea as Mrs. Shand had been a member of the VMC.

4. Budget for 2023

The budget for this year will be:

• Wreaths for Memorial Day and Veterans Day	\$300 ¹
• Refresh the memorial garden	\$100
• <u>Electric bill to Perkinsville Church</u>	<u>\$200</u>
Total	\$600

¹ \$150 for Memorial Day, \$150 for Veterans Day

All were in favor of this budget.

5. Memorial Day Plans

Mr. Brown volunteered to be this year's guest speaker. Ms. Roth will ask if Woodbury Florists in Springfield can do the wreath for our budgeted \$150. Ms. (Patience) Bearse will do the National Anthem.

It was agreed to call for a moment of silence in honor of Cookie Shand during the program.

The format of the program will remain the same as in previous years.

6. Other Business

There are three retired panels that need a permanent home – Myrtle Baker, Fred Mellish, and Bev Howe. Mrs. Bearse will see if we can hang them in the District One Schoolhouse north classroom.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:15 M.

Respectfully submitted,

deForest Bearse