

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025, 6:00 PM, ROOM 207
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN ST.**

Present:

Don Falk, Chair
Scott Allard, Vice- Chair
Jeff Falk
Thomas Hickey
Leslie Marinaro
Nancy Tapp

Staff/Guests:

Andrew Martelli, Assistant Town Manager,

Absent:

Pam Guglielmino, (Secretary)

Don Falk called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Falk called the meeting to order at 6:00

2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Andrew Martelli called the roll and a quorum was present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman informed the Committee that Pamela Guglielmino has resigned and Emily Trudeau has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November meeting was cancelled therefore there were no minutes to review.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Bartlem Park

A meeting was to be held with the Park & Rec Commission but it was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Chairman Falk will be going to the January meeting to discuss The Veterans Area at Bartlem Park.

Chairman Falk will discuss the next steps on planning for the Bartlem Park Veterans Area. Jeff Falk has discussed next steps with Mr. Milone. Chairman Falk will request a cost

estimate for fundraising purposes with a menu of costs for fundraising. The menu of costs can be utilized for fundraising purposes.

b. Town Hall Memorial

Chairman Falk reached out to the original designer and an email was received from the original designer of the Paradox memorial. The committee discussed work that can restore the original intent around the base. The committee requested that a design is developed to remove the boxwood around the base of the memorial and replace with red brick up to the large granite slabs.

MOTION: To remove the boxwood area and replace with red brick up to granite plaza with a red brick curb.

MOTION made by Jeff Falk and **SECONDED** by Leslie Marinaro. Motion passed unanimously by all those present.

Chairman Falk has reviewed the applications of names submitted. He and Leslie will continue to review the packets. Mr. Martelli will be issuing a press release on social media to get the word out. A quote was received from Barker Specialty for replacing the bronze tablet at the Veterans Plaza.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Harvey C. Barnum Display at New Elementary School

A discussion was held about the new Barnum Elementary School and how to honor Barnum in the new Elementary School. Could a design competition be developed or items placed in a display cabinet? The Chairman will attend a School Building Committee Meeting to discuss.

b. Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates were proposed to be January 8th, February 5th, March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, No meeting in July or August, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd.

MOTION made by Leslie Marinaro and **SECONDED** by Nancy Tapp to approve the meeting dates as proposed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Leslie Marinaro and **SECONDED** by Scott Allard to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Attest:

Andrew Martelli
Andrew Martelli, Assistant Town Manager