Walpole Veterans Committee Meeting

April 9, 2014 6:02 PM

Town Hall – Conference Room

1. Call to Order
2. Donna, Lorraine, , Brian C, Jon C, John R, Sully, Donna, Joe in attendance
3. Guests John Simeone and Kevin Smiley (Bar Mgr VFW)
4. Pledge Allegiance
5. Last 2 meeting minutes accepted
6. Veteran’s Day Re-Cap
7. Memorial Day Update
   * John Simeone- tank driver/tank participation will not have an update until 4/20
   * 10:30 AM at VFW will be staging time, to head to the Common as a convoy
   * 12:00 Start time for the ceremony
   * We will wait to hear on 4/20 from John S. if we have any heavy armor or not for the ceremony
   * Joe suggests at next meeting nail down time and commitment
   * Jon C will touch base with Col Lee about possibly providing vehicles for part of static display
   * Standard logistics for Memorial Day seem to be in order at this point
8. Walpole Day
   * Complimentary table for the event
   * Location of old military Jeep can it be on the field by the Veteran’s Table or not?
   * Table will be same spot as last year
   * Display orange cones to
   * Catching Joy – through Walpole resident Helen Connor (wife of Veteran’s Committee Member Brian Connor) Kids producing Thank you cards for Veterans at the event and accepting donations to raise funds for Stop and Shop Gift Cards for Walpole Veteran’s in need
   * Baked goods will also be sold with proceeds going to the Walpole Veteran’s Account
   * Walpole Day is May 17 (Armed Forces Day)
   * Sully providing pop up tent, signs, tables, chairs, need 6 orange cones
   * Parade commences at 12 noon
   * Set up for tent will be around 10:30 AM
   * Flag Replacement event on 5/24
   * Jon C., no funding for plastic grave markers, many damaged need to order, not in the budget, total avail funds are $1,300.
   * John R suggests if anyone is talking with local businesses this might be a good cost for a company to fund by paying for the markers
   * Lorraine is working on a fund-raiser at Stop and Shop for local Walpole Veteran’s
9. New Business
   * Sunday April 13, 10-1 tasting, free coffee, food for Veteran’s
   * Valor Act II signed by the Governor today, establishes DND rule for funeral’s additional educational opportunities
   * Board of Selectmen approved for the Veteran’s Tax Abatement program, Veteran’s can volunteer time for a $750 credit off their tax bill, will go before Town Meeting this Spring
   * 4/10 Senior Veteran’s Meeting tomorrow, Jon and Donna bringing in photos from their time in the service.
   * John R we have 2 female US Marine Corp Veterans living in the Town of Walpole
     1. Do we recognize them at Memorial Day or wait till Veteran’s Day
     2. Flowers given to each of them at the event
     3. John R. are there any other female veteran’s in Walpole over 90? Jon C to check on that
     4. John R. documentary on Bob Foster WW II stories was videod last Tuesday, will be titled Tuck.
   * Motion to adjourn 6:40 PM
10. Next Meeting is 4/23
11. Meeting adjourned PM