

**Town of Shaftsbury
Veterans' Committee
61 Buck Hill Road
Shaftsbury, Vermont 05262-0409**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2015
6:30 PM
Minutes Accepted March 23, 2016**

Call To Order: Meeting begins at 6:30 PM and adjourns at approximately 7:00 PM

Members Present: Mark Bollhardt, Gerry Brillion, Jack Galvin, Andrew Squires, Charles Bushey, Victor K. Harwood, Jr., Richard Lyons, Dennis McCarthy

Members unable to attend: Harold Baldwin, James King, Lew Levin, Robert Loomis, Glenn Matunas, Mary McGuire, Peter Niles, Kathy Niles, Barry Quigley, Paul Worthington, Phil Young

6:30 PM to 6:35 PM Public Comments

There were no Public comments.

6:35 PM to 6:40 PM Pledge of Allegiance

The Members present rendered the Pledge of Allegiance:

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

6:40 PM to 6:45 PM Acceptance of past minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from November 06, 2014. Mark Bollhardt moved acceptance of the minutes, Gerry Brillion seconded; all in favor.

6:45 PM to 6:55 PM Reorganization of Officers for Shaftsbury Veterans' Committee.

It was explained that at the last meeting Mary McGuire was elected to be Chair of the Committee. The Secretary was unable to contact Mary to tell her of the Committees action. The Secretary learned that Mary will be deploying in 2016 and may be out of country up to a year. The discussion than was centered on electing another member to fill the role of Chair. The Secretary made a motion to elect Andrew Squires (present Vice Chair) to the position of Chair. The motion was seconded by Gerry Brillion, all in favor.

With Andrew Squires assuming the role of Chair the office of Vice Chair was vacant. After discussion Mark Bollhardt moved to elect Victor K. Harwood, Jr. as Vice Chair. Jack Galvin seconded the motion, all in favor. The rest of the officers for the Committee remained the same.

Chair, Andrew Squires
Vice Chair, Victor K. Harwood, Jr.
Treasurer, Richard Stratton
Secretary, Dennis McCarthy

Other Comments:

The Secretary received financial information from the Towns Treasurer for the Hooke Memorial Fund. The Fund has \$27,165.15 presently and will have \$3,000.00 add to the Fund from the March voted article. The Treasurer is also developing a list of donors that gave in memory of Past Chair James Meskun. Once that list is received thank you cards will be sent out.

A list of the activities that the Committee is responsible for was compiled for our Chair, and all members present.

Purchasing of flags for Memorial Day, and general display;

Placing of flags on Main Street;

Placing of flags at Cole Hall;

Placing of flags at the Shaftsbury Cemeteries:

Village Cemetery

Center Cemetery

Waite Cemetery

Maple Hill Cemetery

Little Rhode Island Cemetery

Lowering of flags when directed by the Federal or State governments;

Memorial Day Remembrance held at the Shaftsbury School annually;

Memorial Day Parade held every other year in Shaftsbury (Shaftsbury will host the Parade in 2016);

Maintaining the Honor Roll and head stone at Cole Hall;

Researching names to be added to the Honor Roll.

Chuck Bushey asked if the number of World War II veterans in Shaftsbury was known, and what the Committee might do to honor them. This will be researched and the results brought back to the Committee at a future meeting.

An email was received from Peter Niles explaining that he and his wife Kathy were unable to attend the meeting but want to work with the Committee. The Niles are more than willing to help the Committee in any way they can. The Committee voiced solid appreciation for their offer, and look forward to working with them on future projects.

The Committee is gathering names for the Honor Roll. It will be necessary to expand the Honor Roll and add two more panels. The projected cost for this addition to the Honor Roll is \$50,000.00. The Committee will start advertising for names of veterans' from Shaftsbury to be added to the wall. Mark Bollhardt mentioned the Bennington News Network and believed the BNN would be a good place to start our advertising. The criteria for a name to be placed on the wall: the Veteran must have entered the service from Shaftsbury District II or

Shaftsbury District I; the Veteran must have served in a foreign campaign; the Veteran must have received an Honorable Discharge: the veteran must have been on active duty.

The Memorial Day Parade was reviewed. The Secretary will compile a list of people and organizations that have been invited to participate in the Parade in the past. The list will be sent out to Committee Members for their review. The Committee may recommend additions to the list.

The date for removal of the flags on Main Street is set for November 12th the day after Flag Day. This date could be changed based on weather predictions for November. Mark Bollhardt, Jack Galvin, Richard Lyons and Dennis McCarthy will spy the holders on November 10th to facilitate the ease of the flag pole removal on the 12th.

6:55 PM to 6:59 PM Date for next meeting.

The Chair will call a meeting after review of the list of attendees for the Memorial Day Parade by the Committee.

6:59 PM to 7:00 PM Adjourn

Victor Harwood moved to adjourn. Jack Galvin seconded; all in favor. The Committee adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis C. McCarthy