**VETERANS COMISSION MEETING**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026 – 3 PM**

**BOLTON TOWN HALL & VIA ZOOM**

| | ROSTER | IN-PERSON | ZOOM | ABSENT |
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| **MEMBERS** | Robert Moora | **X** | | |
| | Pam Sawyer | **X** | | |
| | Linda Rudolph | | | **X** |
| | Paul Toomey | **X** | | |
| | John Hambrook | **X** | | |
| **ALTERNATES** | | | | |
| | Carole Franco | | | **X** |
| | Anna Spencer | | | **X** |

**1.0 Call to Order:**

Commission Chair Bob Moora called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

**2.0 Discussion About the Town Green:**

The Commission discussed the proposed Town Green project, including plans for a buried 10,000-gallon water cistern to support fire protection. B. Moora reported that he had met with Town staff regarding the project. Further discussion with Mather Clarke is planned, and a more detailed rendering will be prepared before the proposal is brought to the Board of Selectmen.

The Commission also discussed the temporary placement of a scarecrow near the veteran's monument rather than at the gazebo. The scarecrow, which was made by Kevin Drake and features George Washington, would be displayed there for only a few weeks. The temporary placement was discussed considering the upcoming work planned for the other green. The Town Green project may be an appropriate item to announce at the Memorial Day parade.

**3.0 Other:**

Pam Sawyer **MOVED** to **AMEND THE AGENDA** to add an item under "Other." John Hambrook **SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Veterans Day School Tribute*

The Veterans Day tribute at Bolton Center School is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, at 11:45 a.m. Attendees must RSVP to the school by November 9. The phone number to RSVP is 860-634-2411.

*Veterans Tax Exemption*

Bob Moora raised the issue of veterans' tax exemptions and suggested contacting Veterans Commissions in other Connecticut towns to discuss advocating for an increase at the state level. The Commission discussed contacting the Council of Small Towns (COST) and the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) to obtain a list of towns with Veterans Commissions. Tim Akrem was mentioned as a potential spokesperson for the issue.

*Flag Retirement Box*

The Commission discussed publicizing the new flag retirement box at Town Hall. Information is to be included in the Town Bulletin and added to the Town website. The Town will periodically check the box, which currently contains approximately five or six flags. The preferred plan is to coordinate with Bolton Boy Scout Troop 73 to retire the flags during a campfire ceremony. If the troop is unable to assist, Brendan Boyle of the Marine Corps League was identified as a possible alternative

**4.0 Discussion About Wreaths Across America:**

The Commission discussed a wreath-laying ceremony planned for December 19 at 12:00 p.m. at Bolton Center Cemetery. Janet Lessard and Jen Baum will host the ceremony. Donations of $17 per wreath are being accepted through the donation website or by check.

**5.0 Discussion About Senior Veterans' Lunch:**

The Senior Veterans' Lunch is planned for the Thursday after Veterans Day at 12:00 p.m. Members were asked to contact the Senior Center to make reservations and confirm attendance.

**6.0 Adjourn:**

Consensus to **ADJOURN** the meeting **at 3:28 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by Giselle Galarza
*Giselle Galarza*
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