

**Somerville Veterans' Commission on Monuments, Memorials & Dedications
(VetCMMD) Meeting - *REMOTE***



KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR



COMMISSIONERS

Kevin Dickinson
Thomas Gorman
James Marques
Ellen Sullivan
Jodi Vachon
^Chair – Tom White

October 2nd Meeting Minutes*(approved 11/06/2025)*

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 2nd, 2025 Time: 4:30p – 5:30p EST

Location: *REMOTE/Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Kevin Dickinson, Tom Gorman, James Marques, *^Tom White-Chair*

^=non-voting member

Members Absent: Ellen Sullivan, Jodi Vachon

1. Meeting was **Called to Order** at **4:36pm** **Adjourned at 5:05pm**
2. **Prior Meeting Minutes:** ***Motion*** to approve 9/18/2025 MINUTES by JMarques, 2nd by TGorman. **APPROVED.**
3. **Meeting Motions, Actions & Summary:**
 - a) **Meeting Motions:**
 - **None**
 - b) **Actions: *The board will:*** 1)will finalize plan for next Heroes Salute Dedication ceremony 2)continue planning Veterans Day/Week 3)monitor progress of Korean and Vietnam Memorials-Central Hill Project 4)will track progress of FY26 Funding Cycle for Veterans Cemetery Project
 - c) **Summary:**

Hero Square Dedications:

 - No New applications, next round of applications will be for May 2026 Heroes Salute Ceremony
 - criteria on website has been updated
 - signs are all set and paid for Heroes Salute Dedication
 - three Heroes dedicated for 11/13 ceremony; dry run scheduled for 11/6

Monuments/Memorials:

 - Honor Roll* at City Hall Flag has been replaced
 - Community Preservation Act (CPA) FY26 Funding Cycle for Veterans Cemetery and selected monuments within city's: Daedalus Assessment Survey "Study" completed; full application has been submitted, advanced to next round for presentation scheduled for October 22nd

- Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) Veterans Heritage Grant open. Application Deadline 11/11/2025
- Korean War/Vietnam War Memorials (Central Hill) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony scheduled for Oct 16th with designer as one of the guest speakers. Flyers for event will be sent to post, share, and distribute. Include Cambridge for the Vietnam War memorial

Events:

-10/16 ACTIVITIES:

- 1p – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Korean/Vietnam Memorials at Central Hill
- Coffee Hour at West Library in the morning
- Family Night at George Dilboy Post in the evening

-11/10 – 11/15 Veterans Day 2025 Activities planning:

- 11/11: Veterans Day Ceremony at Dilboy Post
- 11/13: Heroes Salute Dedication Ceremony at Somerville High School Auditorium at 6:30pm
- Guest speaker/chaplain-confirming

-250th Celebration! (Marines/Navy Birthday) looking for another location for **Nov 1st**

-Next monthly Veterans Breakfast back at Highlander Café 10/23/2025 9-1030a

Discussions:

**Open to guests/public comments: NONE*

Next monthly meeting: 10/16 -REMOTE or tentative: at Dilboy Post

4. Motion to Adjourn by TGorman, 2nd by JMarques. **Adjourned at 5:05pm**