

Town of Hope Mills
Veterans Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 28, 2021

1. Meeting called to order at 1800 by Grilley Mitchell.
2. Prayer
3. Moment of silence for the passing of Edward Steever. During World War II, Ed served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a radio operator aboard a C-47. He was also a longtime volunteer at the U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum and was a truly great man.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Roll Call:

Members

Guests

Jennifer Blair
John Cook
Jim Blevins
Meghan Freeman
Bill Greene
Brian Marley
Ron Maury
Grilley Mitchell
Jim Morris
Joanne Scarola

Not present: Rob Cooksey.

6. Agenda was approved as written.
7. There were no minutes from the October 2020 minutes to review. They will get done this weekend.
8. Old Business.
 - a. Korean War Bench installation. When and where? Need to take a picture of current benches in order to ascertain position of the Korean War Bench. **(Open)**
 - b. Fence Installation. Scheduled to start on February 8th. Smaller trees and both fences to be removed and 290' of 6' white vinyl privacy fence will be installed. **(Closed)**
 - c. A motion was made to dedicate the Park to Jim and Jean Clark. E-mail needs to be sent to Brian Marley in order to get it on the town's agenda. Dedication on Memorial Day and possibly in conjunction with the Town's 130th anniversary celebration. **(Open)**
 - d. Need to get with Venturing Crew and other town committees to schedule a date when some cleaning up of the park can be done. Possibly in March. **(Open)**
9. New Business:
 - a. Selection of new Officers. Grilley Mitchell to remain Chairman, the Vice Chairman position is currently vacant. Jim Morris to remain secretary. There was discussion to increase the size of the committee to increase the chance of finding people who are willing to hold chairs.

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Also, the discussion was held to determine if the Liaisons can hold one of the Committee Officer positions. **(Open)**

b. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Need members to bring ideas to the February meeting. Proclamation needs to be written. **(Open)**

c. Heroes Homecoming. Tabled until we hear something from Angie. VFW Post to publish a 90 day out timeline. **(Open)**

d. Dog park. There was discussion with Bruce about this and we need to know status. Needs to become part of the Town's ADA Plan. How do we make it part of the plan? **(Open)**

e. Budget. Need inputs at the February meeting so that they can be compiled in time for the March Budget retreat. **(Open)**

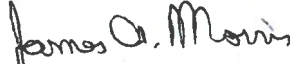
10. Around the table:

a. Post 10630 has a self-help terminal to do Federal and State taxes.

11. Next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2021, at 1800.

12. Meeting Adjourned at 1906.


GRILLEY MITCHELL
Chairman


JAMES MORRIS
Secretary