

Military Community Covenant Task Force Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 14, 2021 6:00 pm
Chelmsford Public Garden
7 North Road
Chelmsford, MA

Approved: June 11, 2021

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Attending:
Pat Wojtas
Jim Curley
Brad Panton
Brian Fredriksson

Absent:
Chuck Fidler
Steve Miller
Lisa Devine

TOWN OF
CHELMSFORD
PATRICIA E. DZURIS
TOWN CLERK

Pat Wojtas called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Jim Curley made a motion to accept the April 2 meeting minutes. Brad Panton seconded the motion. Unanimous approval, 4-0.

Pat reported that there was no activity regarding committee finances since the last meeting.

Jim Curley noted that he has been working on our committee's banner, and feels that he can clean it sufficiently that we will not need a new one.

Pat reported that she has corresponded with Lisa Bougalous, owner of Maxwell's, about hosting a cookout on Armed Forces Day. Lisa noted that the store does not have a working grill at this time. She also said that the Board of Health is not yet granting permits for facilities such as hers to offer food made on-premises to the public. Therefore, they will not be able to host the usual barbecue.

Pat Wojtas reported that she has sent emails, and attempted to call the Chelmsford Elks to reserve their pavilion for the August Military Appreciation Cookout. So far, there has been no response. It was suggested that she reach out to other members of the Elks, in order to determine if we can have the cookout as planned. She will follow up, and report back at the next meeting.

Pat also reported that she spoke with the Town Manager about a 9/11 ceremony. This year will mark twenty years since the 9/11 attacks, and falls on a Saturday, so the feeling is that a public ceremony is important. The Town Manager will speak with Fire Department staff regarding a ceremony. Pat offered for our committee to take a subordinate role if the Fire Department staff prefers that. We are also willing to line up a guest speaker, vocalists, and Taps players, as needed. She expects to hear back from the Town Manager soon.

Brian Fredriksson stated that he has not heard if his neighbor will, in fact, be deployed to Afghanistan, as previously reported. He will check in again, and keep us updated.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Chelmsford Public Garden.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Curley at 6:20pm. Seconded by Brian Fredriksson. Unanimous approval, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted.