

**Military Community Covenant Task Force Meeting Minutes  
Friday, May 19, 2023  
Chelmsford Center for the Arts  
1A North Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824**

**Attending:**

Pat Wojtas  
Brian Fredriksson  
Brad Panton  
Chuck Fidler

**Absent:**

Niles Cocanour  
Rick Cockley  
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Pat called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Brian made a motion to approve the April 21 meeting minutes. Brad seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

Brian made a motion to reimburse Pat for the cost of a polo shirt (\$34.00) for a committee member. Brad seconded the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

Pat noted the obstacles that Rick had encountered as he was attempting to arrange for the cookout fundraiser that had been discussed at the previous meeting. The requirements for permission to use the school property, Board of Health mandates, and other approvals, proved to be too extensive, given the lead time that we had.

Pat reported that we have secured the Elks pavilion for the annual Military Appreciation Cookout, which will be held on August 8 this year. Further planning will continue in the next few months.

Brad noted that the Army/Navy football game will be played at Gillette Stadium this year. There may be an opportunity to honor local military and/or veterans.

Brian spoke about the annual 'Run to Home Base' event held at Fenway Park. This is another opportunity to host military and/or veterans.

There was a brief discussion about lining up a guest speaker for the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. Further discussion will be scheduled for the next meeting.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 23. Pat will send a note to those who were not present this evening to identify any potential conflicts.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn at 6:30PM. Brad seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.