

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD**Approved: July 17, 2020****Military Community Covenant Task Force Meeting Minutes****Friday, June 12, 2020****Chelmsford Center Common
Chelmsford, MA****Attending:**Jim Curley
Pat Wojtas
Lisa Devine
Steve Miller
Brian Fredriksson
Brad Panton**Absent:**

Chuck Fidler

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

Jim Curley made a motion to accept the minutes for the March 13 meeting. Lisa Devine seconded the motion. Motion passes, unanimously, 5-0 with Brad Panton abstaining.

Pat reported that a resident recently sent a \$500 donation. She also reported that the Chelmsford Parade Committee has decided to forward net proceeds from sale of Veteran banners to our committee, since there will be no parade this Fourth of July. That will result in approximately \$150 per banner. To date, eleven banners have been sold, with several additional on order. It was agreed that this donation is much appreciated, and will allow us to continue activities with less worry of depleting our funds.

Brad gave a recap of the Volunteer Fair. He noted that attendance was down from previous years, possibly due to the hours of operation having been shifted from morning to afternoon. A question was raised as to whether it was worthwhile for us to attend the fair, since we seldom have need for volunteers who may sign up at that time. It was also noted that our table was not as inviting as others. It was then suggested that this event may be used as an opportunity to offer our services to veterans and their families, rather than to sign up volunteers. For next year's event, we will work on modifying our presence, as well as our focus.

Our annual Military Appreciation Cookout at the Elks has been scheduled for August 11. There was discussion as to whether it should be held, and/or if other changes should be implemented, such as restricting attendance. The consensus was to hold the event as in the past, and make any adjustments as may be required by local or state officials, and as permitted by the Elks.

There was a brief discussion regarding the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. It was decided to go forth with that event. Brad will reach out to recruit a potential guest speaker. Jim Curley agreed to perform the function of the chaplain for the opening and closing prayers, since he recently completed his seminary training. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 12.

Given that our events will be held this summer and fall, it was decided that Brad should order 200 magnets in the design that had been previously approved by committee members, for passing out at those events.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 17 at 6:00pm on the Common.