

TOWN OF CROMWELL
VETERANS'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2011
5:45 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 222

MINUTES

A. **CALL TO ORDER**-5:45pm. Present were Ken Caruso, Madeline McDermott, Cathy Hodlin, Brian Hodlin, Cecile Fazio

B. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**-Cathy Hodlin made a motion to accept, seconded by Madeline McDermott, carried unanimously

C. **APPROVAL OF 9/1/2011 MINUTES**-Cathy Hodlin made a motion to accept, Ken Caruso seconded, carried unanimously

D. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**-none

E. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**-Nominated were Cecile Fazio, Chair; Ken Caruso, Co-Chair; Cathy Hodlin, Secretary. Madeline made motion to accept the slate of officers as nominated, Brian Hodlin seconded, carried unanimously.

F. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Plan dedication ceremony/program for Private Eldort A. Brauer plaque; Ceremony Monday, October 17 at 6:30pm in the Town Hall Lobby. Fran Rollish, sister of Pvt. Brauer, will contact Father Raymond for benediction; John Flanders will read bio; refreshments will be served; Cathy Hodlin will create Program and work with First Selectman's office to finalize; Brauer family member will be asked to give closing; First Selectman's office will take care of lobby set up.

2. Mission Statement-Ken; Ken presented 1st draft and discussion ensued. Ken will take suggestions home and submit 2nd draft at next meeting for discussion and possible vote.

3. Set time, dates and place for 2011 meetings; Cathy made a motion for Cromwell Veterans Affairs Commission meetings to take place the first Thursday of each month at 5:45pm in the Cromwell Town Hall, Ken seconded, carried unanimously.

4. Discussion of questions brought up at September meeting, recorded in minutes; Cathy presented her draft of a Commission letterhead, after discussion and one change, Madeline made motion to accept the revised letterhead, Ken seconded, carried unanimously.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election Day-Cathy; to obtain names of Active Duty and Veterans in town; table mayl be set up on Election Day to give out information and collect names of Cromwell Veterans and Active duty military members to be able to assist families, and get information out. Cathy is waiting on confirmation of location of table.

2. State of CT Veteran Hall of Fame; Annual Nominations and Induction. Christie Carpino asked if we would consider nomination a Cromwell resident for this honor. 2011 deadline was 9/30/2011. Commission will begin researching possible candidates for 2012 nomination. Nomination can be posthumously.

3. Discussion of possible action for future activities; buying a banner for the Commission to use at events such as Election Day table set up. Cecile will look into.

F. ADJOURNMENT: 6:50pm