Veterans Service Committee May 6, 2019 Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Chairwoman D. LeBlanc	Present
Councillor McLaughlin	Present
Councillor R. LeBlanc	Present
Councillor McMenimen	Present
Councillor Stanley	Present

Chairwoman LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the March 4, 2019 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

 Resolution – Dated April 8, 2019 Support the Lions flag drive.

Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to hear from all off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Waltham Lions President Kenny King appeared before the committee. Mr. King said this is the second year of this program. The intent of the program is to recognize Waltham Veterans. Councillor McMenimen asked about the program. Mr. King said for a fee of ten dollars the Lions club will purchase a flag with the name tag of the Veteran on the flag. That flag will be recognized at a Circle of Remembrance ceremony. Last year this program raised one thousand dollars, and over 150 flags were purchased. With the proceeds the Lions club purchased gift cards and presented those gift cards to the Veterans Department. The Veterans Department distributes those cards to Veterans in need of support. Chairwomen Diane LeBlanc asked Mr. King how the committee could help. Mr. King said they could help by promoting the program. Councillor Randy LeBlanc asked Mr. Russo to promote this program through the cities social media. Councillor Randy LeBlanc made a motion for approval of the resolution. Motion was adopted on a voice vote

2. Resolution – Dated April 8, 2019

Investigate a location for Handicapped raised bed gardens.

Councillor Randy LeBlanc moved to hear from all off committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Waltham Veterans Director Michael Russo appeared before the committee. Councillor Randy LeBlanc said he would like to see a pilot program be established. Mr. Russo said he has yet to have a Veteran request something like this but he would ask around to see if there is any interest. Councillor Randy LeBlanc made a request to invite a representative from community gardens into the next meeting. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas J Magno - Clerk