



**MINUTES**  
**VETERANS COMMISSION**  
*Wednesday, March 11, 2026*  
*6:00 PM*  
*William Pitkin Community Center, 30 Greenfield St*

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## Meeting Minutes

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### Call to order 1804

A meeting of the Wethersfield Veterans Commission was held on March 11, 2026, in the Fireside Room of the Pitkin Community Center. Present: Bruce Watt, Danny Rosario, Ken Lesser, Rick Newell, Tricia Giscombe, Laura Bloomquist, and Sandy Rhodes.

### Public Comments

No public comment.

### Minutes

Minutes of the February 11, 2026, meeting, Sandy Rhodes motioned to approve, and Laura Bloomquist seconded. Unanimous vote to approve minutes.

### Letters and Announcements

Danny Rosario sent a flyer and would like two Commission members to attend the food insecurities initiative at the Community Center on March 31, 2026, 4:30 to 6PM.

### Action Items

1. Blue Star Memorial Marker: the application was submitted with the Park & Rec Department issuing a \$700 check. Fundraising will go toward reimbursement. Tricia Giscombe motioned to donate \$100 for the Blue Star Memorial Marker. Rick seconded the motion. All in favor. Bruce will reach out to Peter Winnie to reschedule the appointment to designate a spot in the rose garden. Will try to get a stone donated from Cedar Mountain in Newington. Mark Rudewicz has a connection with Cedar Mountain. The size of the marker is known and there will be more information once the application is approved. Rick Newell will speak at the ceremony. Suggested dates include July 4<sup>th</sup> or D Day.
2. Photo Share: no update
3. Hometown Heroes: at a standstill due to HDC denial. Possibly have the flags on the Heritage Way by the Cove.

4. Budget Update: private donation balance is \$3990.79 with \$1000 held for two \$500 scholarships and -\$100 for the approved Blue Star Memorial Marker. Town Funds balance: \$1423.01.
5. America 250: Suggested to have 250 gift cards donated for town hall to give as a thank you gift to Veterans when they come in. Laura Bloomquist will make cards and try to have students decorate them. Sandy Rhodes motioned for the Commission to solicit gift card donations with a goal of 250 cards. Tricia Giscombe seconded the motion. All in favor.
6. Mayor's Charity Ball: May 29, 2026, with America 250 as the theme. The ball will benefit three charities Wethersfield Food Bank, Campership Fund, and the Veteran's Improvement Fund.
7. Spring newsletter: Memorial Day Parade with the story of Wethersfield's role in America's 250<sup>th</sup>. Ken Lesser will email Sandra Rhodes an article. Laura Bloomquist and Bruce Watt will email an article and information about the gift cards.
8. Scholarship: Sandra Rhodes will email to have the scholarship application posted on Wethersfield's social media.
9. Memorial Day Parade: in good shape, meeting monthly.

### Commission Member Comments

No comments

### Adjournment

Adjourned 184. Sandra Rhodes motioned to adjourn, and Tricia Giscombe seconded. All in favor.

### Next Meeting

April 8, 2026, 6PM in Fireside Room.