

12-6-2016

Chairman Charles Colaresi called the meeting of the Berlin Veterans Commission to order at 7pm at the American Legion Post 68 on Porters Pass

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers: Chairman Charles Colaresi, Vice Chairman Paul N. Eshoo, Peter Galgano, Richard Rampone, Robert Smith, Bruce Trevethan, Joe Casso

Audience of Citizens: The Commission was honored to have Chief Jim Simons and representatives of the Kensington/Berlin Fire Dept in attendance. During this meeting Chief Simons presented the Commission with twenty four (24) gift cards (\$50.00 ea) that the combined departments would like to award to needy Berlin veterans. The money was raised by the Fire Depts from profits of a car show that was held this past summer. This makes the second year that the Fire Depts have donated gift cards to our needy veterans. Chairman Colaresi accepted the donation with gratitude and heartfelt thanks to our combined fire departments for their continued support.

Good of the Commission: Peter Galgano displayed framed certificates that will be given to Kathryn Scherer and the Berlin High School Madrigal Singers for their participation in our Veterans Day Ceremony. Framed certificates will also be given to all who assisted the Commission during our Memorial Day Ceremony as well as our Veterans Day Ceremony. Motion was made and approved to send a thank you card to the Kensington Garden Club for their Christmas wreaths placed at the Veterans Monument..Secretary Joe Casso will mail the thank you card tomorrow.

Correspondence: Chairman Colaresi noted that while doing a routine walk thru at the Memorial Park, he noticed there were four wreaths placed in front of the monuments and one below the flagpole. They were placed there by some generous person(s) who did not leave a note or name...Chairman Colaresi asked that we put an article in the Berlin Citizen to let everyone know that this act of kindness during this Christmas season was deeply appreciated. Secretary Joe Casso sent an email to the Berlin Citizen requesting the article be placed in ;the next edition.

New Business: Motion was made and approved to once again ask the U.S. Navy Band Northeast to perform at our Memorial Park again this year for another outdoor concert. Secretary Joe Casso will contact the band co-ordinator to arrange a date preferably in June 2017. Chairman Colaresi noted that while planning the Memorial Day Ceremony and Veterans Day Ceremony for 2017 we would need a better sound system..Due to the extreme wind during our 2016 Veterans Day Ceremony it was noted that the sound was muffled by the heavy wind. **The Commission is required by Berlin Charter to notify the Town Clerk of our meeting dates and times for 2017. Commission member Peter Galgano will notify the town clerk and comply with the charter request.**

**Old Business: Approval was given by the Director of Berlin Parks and Rec to place No Dogs allowed signs around the Memorial Park. Motion was made and approved to have the signs printed and placed around the park entrances..**

Motion was made by Robert Smith to adjourn the meeting, Motion was seconded by Peter Galgano. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Casso, Secretary