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Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting

August 4, 2022  
4:00 P.M.

*The minutes reflect motions and a summary of the discussion. Refer to the attached link for the recording of this meeting*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIVIo5g7wcs>

Jean Speck, Rufus deRham and Glenn Sanchez.

Also present: Unable to verify. The minutes created from the Zoom recording.

**Call to order:**

Jean Speck called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Jean Speck made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2022 Regular and July 27, 2022 Special BoS meetings. Rufus deRham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Chris Harrington email, speeding and an influx of motorcycles traffic.

Jean Speck:

- Chris spoke with Trooper Fisher.
- Increasing speed enforcement on Route 7.

**Public Comment:**

Lynn Worthington:

- Asked if the board would consider putting public comment be at the end of the agenda.

**Tax Refunds:**

None.

**Accept BoE proposal for and SRO:**

Board of Education Chairman Scott Trabucco:

- BOE made the following motion at its August 3, 2022 meeting:
  - Pursuant to actions taken at the Board of Selectmen meeting on July 13th, 2022 and the Board of Finance meeting on July 20, 2022 the KCS Board of Education formally requests that the Board of Selectmen pursue taxpayer approval and an appropriation of up to \$200,000 in order to request from Troop L a second State Trooper for FY 2022-2023 to serve as a School Resource Officer at Kent Center School during the school year and as a second resident Trooper in town during the Summer.
- Sent a request to the BoF to encumber \$143,00 from the 2021/2022 budget.

Jean Speck:

- Get in touch with Sergeant Pearson of Troop L for additional information.
- Either schedule a special follow-up meeting or discuss at next regular BoS meeting.

**B.E.T.T.Y./ medical appointment transportation update:**

No discussion.

**Corrected motion for hiring ASP Director:**

Jean Speck made a motion to hire Tom Ford, as the ASP Director at an hourly rate of \$19 and a start date of 5/9/22 with an average of 20 hours a week. Rufus deRham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Corrected motion for hiring Camp Director:**

Jean Speck made a motion to hire Chris Heller as the new camp director at an hourly rate of \$19 with a start date of 5/23/22, with as average of 40 hours per week. Rufus deRham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Deputy Emergency Management Director job description:**

Jean Speck:

- Close to completing the two job descriptions.
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**EV Charging Stations:**

Jean Speck:

- No update.
- Lots of federal and state funding coming down.

**Flag policy – update:**

Jean Speck:

- Had a conversation with Randy this afternoon.
- Thought we would have to flex the policy for the Veteran's Memorial.
- Turns out we are not going to have to.

#### **Main Street Traffic and Noise report – update:**

Jean Speck:

- No update.
- Told it would be at least a month before we heard back from them (state).

#### **Review and possible approval of Community Resilience Building Workshop**

##### **Summary Findings report:**

Jean Speck:

- No update.
- Keep on agenda.

#### **Policy and Procedure Manual – review:**

Jean Speck:

- Sent a copy of the Policy and Procedure Manual to CIRMA.
- CIRMA offers one free hour of human resource advise.
- CIRMA will advise if we should get a consultant to help review and update the manual.
- Keep on the agenda.

#### **Salary review – Management review:**

Jean Speck:

- Keep on the agenda.
- Hopefully next couple of meetings, start to hack away at it.

#### **Streetscape update:**

Jean Speck:

- Monday did all of the curb cuts.
- Started demolition purposefully down on Bridge Street.
- Will start to place the curbing and then start laying concrete.
- Couple of trees that need to be removed from in front of St. Andrew's.
- The trees will be replaced with new trees.

#### **Swift House ADA Checklist:**

Jean Speck:

- Left a voicemail for Wes Wyrick today.
- Will check back with him to see where he thinks we should go with the checklist.

#### **Town Hall large meeting room video conference system update:**

Jean Speck:

- No update.

**Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor rethinking of space:**

No discussion.

**Veteran's Memorial Committee request for BoS to take ownership of Veteran's Monuments – update**

Jean Speck:

- Requested an appraisal of the Veteran's Monument to obtain an insurance value.

Jean Speck made a motion that we accept the request of the Veteran's Memorial Committee to take over ownership and responsibility of the Kent Veteran's Monument and donations raised by the committee be turned over to the town and those funds be used expressly for the management and upkeep of the Memorial. Rufus deRham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jean Speck made a motion to create the Veteran's Memorial Advisory Committee of the Board of Selectmen. The committee's charge is to investigate and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the addition of names of veterans to add to the monuments in the future and to advise the Board of Selectmen on matters related to the Veteran's Memorial membership as appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall be comprised of one member of the BoS and a minimum of two military veterans. The committee, however maybe increased up to seven members. Rufus deRham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jean Speck made a motion to add the following members: Andy Ocif, Mike VanValkenburg, Bill Case and Patty Case to the Veteran's Memorial Advisory Committee. Rufus deRham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jean Speck will follow up with Dick and Charlotte Lindsey and appoint them at the next meeting. Jean also agreed to get a letter out to Andy to confirm the transfer of ownership and all the motions made by the Board of Selectmen.

Jean Speck made a motion to appoint Rufus deRham as the BoS representative to the Kent Veteran's Memorial Committee. Glenn Sanchez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Adjourn:**

Jean Speck adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m. Rufus deRham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

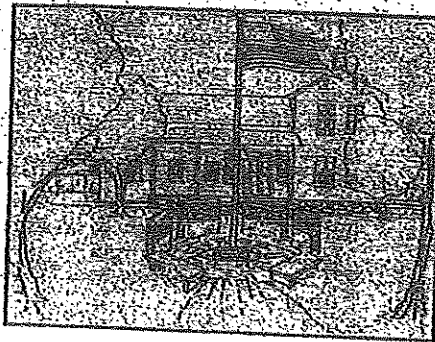
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Administrative Assistant

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## Kent Veterans Memorial



July 26, 2022

Kent Board of Selectman  
PO Box 678  
Kent, Connecticut 06757

Re: Kent Veterans Memorial Criteria

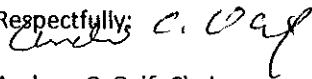
First Selectman Jean Speck, Rufus de Rahm, Glenn Sanchez:

Pursuant to my phone conversation with First Selectman Jean Speck on July 22<sup>nd</sup> of this year, she requested clarification of each Kent veteran whose name appears on each memorial and the criteria used to prove the validity of each request. To obtain this information, DD-214s and investigative techniques were used. Several individuals on the respective memorial were originally residents of Kent but entered service from another temporary location, i.e. college, etc. Again, investigative techniques were used to validate the information.

The dates of military service for inclusion on all the monuments were concurrent with the membership eligibility of the American Legion, and the Veterans' Administration guidelines. These guidelines are: Served in the United States Armed Forces at any time from April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1917 through November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918 or any time after December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 to the present; was a citizen of the United States and a resident of Kent, Ct. when entering service and was honorably discharged or separated from that service or continued to serve honorably during or after that time. The Veterans Memorial Committee also approved the following on the monument stone at the entrance, "To Honor all Kent Veterans who defended our country during peace and war."

The Veterans Memorial Committee were also involved in investigating veterans from Kent who served in the military from August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1990 to the present and were then added to a new memorial adjacent to the World War II Korean, and Vietnam stones. Peacetime veterans were also added in 2019.

I hope this clarifies the criteria used to determine eligibility. If there are any further questions, we will attend the Board of Selectman's meeting when this request is on your agenda and be happy to answer them for you.

Respectfully,  
  
Andrew C. Ocif, Chairman