

**NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes, Monday, January 19, 2026, 7PM**

Members Present:

Kristin Reilly
Erik Saracino
James Gallagher
Wendell Rich via phone
Tom Yaegel
Warren Harner
Dave Reese

Not Present:

Paula Gasper-Liaison

Others Present :

Pete Palestina
Frank O'Donnel

MEETING CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGENCE

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: November 17, 2025 - Unanimous consent.

New member Warren Harner gave a brief background on his service and affiliations- Welcome Warren.

OLD BUSINESS

- Debriefed on Wreath Laying- Great day it went smoothly.
- Tabled discussion on the flags at RJD park until Liaison returns
- Tabled discussion on Flags for Forgotten Soldiers until Liaison returns
- Kristin gave out certs sent by Senator Farrys office from Veterans Day
- Kristin to follow up with police and videographer on the completed video

NEW BUSINESS

- Kristin Reilly was elected Chair; Jim Gallagher was elected Vice chair and Wendell Rich was elected secretary.
- Discussion to enhance our existing programs for the 250th Birthday, perhaps including a cake.
- Board approved to pay for the Evite subscription used for the fundraiser for the Wreath Laying. Approx \$300 annual

- Kristin shared the Honor and Courage Foundation Gala on 2/7
- VAC would like to host a Veterans Expo for the 250th Birthday, perhaps in collaboration with Elected Officials.
- Erik to research the grant application requirements and details

2026 VAC EVENTS

- **MEMORIAL DAY: Monday, May 25th @ Dembowski Park:**
- **FLAG DAY: Sunday June 14th**
- **VETERANS DAY: Wednesday November 11th**
- **HOMETOWN HEROS WREATH LAYING: Saturday, Dec 5th @ Union Cemetery,**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 16,2026

Submitted by:

Kristin Reilly, Chair