



**City of Biddeford
Veterans Committee**

September 23, 2024 at 4:30 PM
City Hall Second Floor Conference Room & Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting Online
Or call in by phone: +1 312 626 6799
Meeting ID:
Passcode:

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Acknowledge other non-committee member attendees
4. Minutes
 - 4.a Approval/ Minutes from June 2024 meeting
5. Veteran Organization Collaboration
6. New Business
 - 6.a Flags in city parks- Lisa Thompson, Recreation Director
 - 6.b Bridge between Biddeford/Saco- "Veterans Memorial Bridge" discussion
7. Discussion/Review
 - 7.a Meeting recap- takeaways & tasks
8. Adjourn

Mayor's Veterans Committee
Meeting Minutes, Monday, 24 June 2024

Biddeford, Maine

Committee Members

Roger Beaupre (Chair), Jen Fullmer, Eric Gates (Vice Chair), Jessica Johnson, Quang Minh Le, Ben Neveux, Frederick Oliver

Committee Attendees: Roger Beaupre, Jen Fullmer, Eric Gates

Local Veteran Org Attendees: Gene Foster (AMVETS, American Legion), Paul Therrien (Vietnam Veterans of America)

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Upcoming Events

Wall That Heals (17-21 July 2024):

- Graig Morin, President of Brown Dog Carriers & Logistics, dialed in via Zoom
 - He explained the history & logistics behind the Wall That Heals
 - He asked that we spread the word as they still need many volunteers

3. General Discussion

Local Veteran Group Coordination

- We would like different local veteran groups to attend our meetings to increase communication & collaboration
 - One example of miscommunication: wreath & flag laying at cemeteries
 - different orgs seem to have different number counts of vets at each location
- Recommend that we give a few minutes over the next couple of meeting to hearing from a rep from local veteran groups – to identify their top 3 goals & top 3 challenges
- Reps identified from AMVETS (Gene Foster), Vietnam Veterans of America (Paul Therrien), American Legion (Paul Therrien), VFW (Mike McInnis), and Volunteers of America (Brian Bouthot)

4. Committee Communication

Email - Personal vs. City of Biddeford

- Some committee members have not received CoB emails so at the next meeting we will discuss and recommend the most effective/efficient way to correspond with members

5. Meeting Schedule (4th Monday of every month at 4:30pm)

- Decided that meetings will reconvene after summer
- NEXT MEETING: Monday, 23 Sep 2024, 4:30pm, Council Chambers

6. Adjourn