

January 22, 2025

Town of Amherst Veterans Committee (AVC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting took place at the Amherst Town Hall, 5583 Mill Street, Williamsville, New York, 14221. The meeting commenced at 5:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Joe Orzechowski, Andrew Peirce, Eugene Sibick, Dan Howard, Rick Herrmann, Irv Seller

Members Excused/Absent: Tom Hurley, Art Sullivan, Patrick Conner, Nathan Sull, Jacqui Berger

Previous Minutes: December Minutes were not acted upon.

Old Business

1. Update on Memorial Criteria document: The Committee reviewed modifications to the Amherst Veterans' Memorial Criteria for Honoree Selection, several changes were suggested. The suggested changes will be summarized and presented to the Committee membership at the February meeting.

New Business

1. Election of Officers: Nominees for Officers were: Joe Orzechowski, Chairman, Andrew Peirce for Vice Chairman, and Art Sullivan for Secretary. The nominations were moved by Dan Howard, seconded by Eugene Sibick. The slate of officers was approved 6-0.
2. Set Dates for 2025: The Committee discussed and set the following dates for its meetings in 2025 and January 2026. Meetings will be held at Amherst Town Hall.

a. February 10	g. August 11
b. March 3	h. September 8
c. April 14	i. October 6
d. May 5	j. November 3
e. June 2	k. December 8
f. July 14	l. January 12, 2026

The Committee also set the following dates for special events in 2025:

- a. April – Potential for a Veterans Outreach event - TBD
 - b. May 23 – Mill Middle School Memorial Day Concert at the Veterans Memorial
 - c. May 26 – Memorial Day commemoration ceremony at the Williamsville Cemetery
 - d. August 17 (2:00 p.m.) – Amherst Veterans Memorial - Fourteenth Honoring of Veterans Ceremony
3. Veterans Outreach Activity planning: The Committee resumed its discussion of scheduling a Veterans Outreach event in conjunction with the New York State Department of Veterans Services. It was suggested that the Daemen University Veterans Services Department could also be a partner in such an event. Joe Orzechowski will contact Daemen University and Dan Howard will contact the Department of Veterans Services to attend the February meeting to discuss a joint event.

Announcements

1. Next meeting is Monday February 10, 2025 at Amherst Town Hall

Motion to adjourn at 6:20 PM; Eugene Sibick, 2nd Dan Howard

Dan Howard for Art Sullivan, AVC Secretary