



Minutes of Regular Meeting on 1-9-25

SOUTH BERWICK MEMORIAL POST 5744, VFW
South Berwick, Maine (Mustered February 26, 1946)

Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 9, 2025

16 Members Present

2 Guests: D11 Commander, Michael McInnis and Junior Vice Commander, Bill Day

Commander – Jeffrey Chase

Senior Vice Commander – Barry Kray

Junior Vice Commander – Michael Murray

Post Quartermaster – Marc Scheele

Post Historian – Michael St. Pierre

Post Adjutant -Brent Roets

Post Chaplain – Bruce Brown

Post Service Officer – Shelley Landry

Assistant PSO– Daniel Kenney

Post Adjutant, Brent Roets, was absent. (excused).

**Minutes transcribed from recording.

Opening:

1730: Post Meeting called to order by Post Commander, Jeff Chase, as per VFW Ritual.

We Rose for Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer by Post Chaplain, Bruce Brown.

Broke for Dinner

Resumed business meeting.

Post Minutes:

1. Upon motion duly made, by Michael Murray, and seconded, by Hank Hansen, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the Post meeting held on 12/12/24.

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Post Quartermaster's Report:

1. The Post Quartermaster gave his Financial Report for the month ending 12/31/24. Upon motion duly made, by Malcolm Kenney, and seconded, by Hank Hansen, it was unanimously voted to accept the Quartermaster's financial report, subject to audit.

Post Service Officer's Report:

1. Shelley Landry, Marc Scheele, Malcom Kenney and Daniel Kenney visited well over 12 members who are homebound or have medical issues. (Jim Courier, Ed Hagan, Tom Joyce, Ernie Wood, Mike St. Pierre, Tony Cincotta, Sylvio Ramsey, Freeman Lane, and many more.)

New Members Report:

1. One new member to vote in tonight.

Post Membership Committee Report:

1. It was reported we have two prospective members.
 - a. Upon motion duly made, by a Membership Committee Member, and seconded, by a Membership Committee Member, it was unanimously voted by the Membership Committee consisting of Roger Guptill, Mike Murray, Bruce Brown, and Jeffrey Chase to recommend to the Post the acceptance of Kerri Henchey as a new Annual Member.
 - b. Upon motion duly made, by Malcolm Kenney, and seconded, by Nick Henchey, it was unanimously voted to accept to the Post Kerri Henchey as a new Annual Member.

Social Media Committee Report:

1. The website is being worked on. Update was given by Michael St. Pierre. Contact Michael for a detailed report.

Pease Greeter's Report:

1. Pease Greeters are active and busy. 2024 had 196 flights.

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Honor Guard Recap:

1. 2024 update: There are 15 Honor guard Members with 7 from our Post (other members from AL Post 79). Over 2024 they participated in 43 events for a total 46.5 man-hours.

Post Legislative Business:

1. There was a discussion on the Social Security Fairness Act and the Elizabeth Dole Act.

Correspondence:

1. Thank you from Sylvio D. Ramsey for the visit and gift basket.

Old Business:

1. Discussion on funding our scholarship fund with our investment funds. Information is to be sent out to the Scholarship Committee and Budget Committee to work through the details. Main discussion will be tabled for tonight until a more detailed plan is set forth.
2. Discussion on the new South Berwick traffic light (2026) and its impact on our Poppy Drive was had. We were assured we would have a spot, but we are unsure of exactly where that spot will be.
3. There will be a meet and greet for the USS Washington scheduled for 1/23/25 at the South Berwick Community Center from 1500 – 1700. The event is open to the public and flyers will be posted.
4. Thank you to Hank Hansen for revitalizing the Post emblem for the podium.

New Business:

1. Critique of our meeting was given by D11 Commander, Michael McInnis. Some pointers were given.

Good of the Order:

1. Reminder to get your 2 dose shingle vaccines.
2. Reminder to get your flu shots.
3. Reminder to get you Covid booster shots.

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Next Post Meeting:

1. Our next meeting will be at the South Berwick Community Center on 2/13/25 at 1730 at the South Berwick Community Center.

Dates to Remember:

1. Post Honor Guard Practices are the first Monday of the month at 1830. The Post Honor Guard needs members. Contact Dennis Ouellette to join.

Closing Prayer:

Closing Prayer by Post Chaplain, Bruce Brown.

Vote to Adjourn:

1920: Upon motion duly made, by Post Commander Jeff Chase and seconded, by Post Member, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Post 50/50 Drawing:

\$25 winner: Not acknowledged on recording (0885).