



## MEETING MINUTES — POST 70

The meeting was held 10/14/2024. Nine (9) members were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the Commander. Opening ceremonial tasks were done followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Recitation of the Preamble was done by all present.

**Roll Call of Officers:** All Officers were present except the First Vice was absent.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the September meeting were read and accepted.

**Membership:** There were six new applications to review: Robert Cook, Timothy Noonan, James Wallace, Damon Allen, Bridget Chalkera, and J. Ashwood. They were accepted.

**Financial Officer Reports:** The reports were read and filed for audit. There were two requests from the community for financial support. Motion made and seconded to the Seabrook Rec Center for \$300 for the new Basketball team.

**Website Report:** There was no report because reporting is now done quarterly and was submitted last month.

**Post Service Officer's Report:** Phil reported about attending the October 9 DAV event in Kingston. He had two interested veterans who went with him.

**Old Business:**

**Bar Mats:** Mats are paid for and on order. As soon as they arrive, they will be installed.

**Drainage:** We have a bid for the bathrooms from Jarrod in the amount of \$90,000. We are waiting for bids from Reardon, Frascone, and Eaton, but they must subcontract because of the complexity of the needed work with pipes in the wall as well as fixtures.

**Roof:** Ernie has a letter from the Insurance company stating they will not honor our policy unless we have a new roof. Several roofing contractors told us that the current roof still has two years of life left and that evaluation was conveyed to the insurance company. They



responded they will honor that if they receive it in writing.

### **New Business:**

**BINGO at the Firebarn:** Jeff Brown, speaking on behalf of the Firemen's Association, advised that the gaming equipment is over 40 years old and malfunctioning often. They have investigated replacing it with big-screen TV technology to the tune of \$33K and they are asking us to pay half. He assured us that they will not be raising the rent nor janitorial costs, which are current \$335/week. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay \$16,500 to the Firemen's Association.

**Hurricane Relief:** We are currently asking for donations from members and the public, intending to have Post 47 Rollinsford come on Wednesday and combine ours with their collections to save on trucking charges. Ernie would like Post 70, along with the food and personal items Ernie has bought, to make a monetary donation. Motion made and seconded to make a \$300 donation. Motion passed.

**Memorial Garden Area:** It was brought up that a spot has been made in memory of deceased members, as discussed in past meetings. It is currently in the works and we need a plaque for the Pavilion, which will be named the Jesse Brown Sr. Memorial Pavilion.

**American Legion Post Plate Collection:** Ernie asked if we could hang them up in the Pavilion on the walls. This was met with general agreement.

Our new Chaplain made his first closing prayer.

The Commander made a closing statement and then adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Henry, Adjutant