

## VETERANS' COUNCIL MINUTES

*Thursday 5 May 2016 @ 1905*

### 1) Call to order at 1900 with PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE @ Town Hall

### 2) ROLL CALL

Present: K. Jermyn, VSO, J. Asher, J. Buckley, T. Burbank, J. Clifton, E. Guild, Jr., P. Koenen, M. DeMenna, J. Rayburn,

Not Present: E. Guild, Jr, D. Sargent

Excused: B. Ramsey

Guests: FBMS – April, Jeff & Michael

### 3) Officer Reports

- a) Secretary -minutes from 14 April 2016 accepted as written
- b) Treasurer - report accepted as written
- c) VSO Report –
  1. Half Staff Flag Report
  2. Orlando scholarship committee formed chaired by Bill Ramsey, treasurer Jon Asher. First donation received from Best Chevrolet for \$1000.00
  3. 30 Clients- (one death last month) Expenditures of \$18,939 on fuel, food, medications, dental and misc. expenses for veterans in need
  4. Consolidated Flag program continues to succeed – accrued 117 points. Town is being reimbursed by other organizations purchasing flags through this program
  5. Correspondence:
    - i. Fundraiser for Joe D'Entremont, POW/MIA supporter – Sunday 15 May at Florian Hall in Dorchester, MA
    - ii. Article 18 passed
    - iii. Scholarship established in memory of US Marine Cpl. Christopher Orlando
    - iv. Memorial for former police chief Raymond “Buddy” Campbell needs to be installed – originally scheduled for Jack Ass Park, now looking for new location
    - v. Maj Manning’s paperwork submitted for memorial day (speaker)
    - vi. Pizza deliveries to Cmdr Anderson House continue
    - vii. Benefits lapsed for VSO clients due to the couple’s failure to file paperwork - creates moral distress for VSO. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this has occurred for this client. VSO filled gap in past – will again, but does not want this to be “expected”
    - viii. AZ Hair is generously sponsoring event for widows of veterans.

### 4) New Business

- a) **FBMS CDR Anderson House Quarterly Update**
  - i) Presented written summary of Household composition and General House developments
  - ii) Update: one veteran is transitioning out and FBMS is working to fill vacancy from waitlist of eligible veterans
- b) **Other Events**
  - i) 13 May at 1100 – Wreath laying for Hingham Police
  - ii) Veterans Upward Bound – next Thursday 12 May 2016 @ 1800 at UMB

### 5) Old Business

- a) Memorial Day plans are underway –

1. Reaching out to elementary schools
  - i. South – no services
  - ii. PRS –27 May 2016 @ 0830
  - iii. Foster – J. Buckley will check w/ principal
  - iv. East – no event planned, T. Burbank will check w/principal
2. Flags for Cemeteries – T. Burbank
3. Poppies – Herm
4. Ice Cream truck – Nona’s confirmed
5. Speaker – see VSO report

**6) Adjournment: 2020**

Respectfully Submitted by: Maureen DeMenna, Secretary