

## VETERANS' COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday 2 February 2017 @ 1900

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

### 2) ROLL CALL

Present: Senior Jermyn, VSO, John Buckley, Tom Burbank, Frank Curtis, Maureen DeMenna, Paul Koenen, Hank Maude, Scott McMillan, Dave Sargent (Chair), Janine Suchecki,

Not Present:, Fr. Sinisa Ubiaripovic

Excused: John Clifton, Jack Rayburn

### 3) Officer Reports

- a) Secretary –M. DeMenna - Minutes from 12 January 2017 accepted as written
- b) Treasurer –J. Raburn Treasurer's Report (presented by Senior) accepted as written (subject to audit)
- c) VSO Report –Senior Jermyn – accepted as written –see report
  1. 30 clients,
  2. Total benefits expended \$15538.99
  3. Needs office help to organize/promote veterans benefits available
  4. ACRONYM – film re: veteran suicide – to raise awareness – planning community showing – Work in Progress
- d) POA Report –J. Suchecki - verbal report
  1. FB page **attracting women in 30s & 40s**
  2. Campbell Memorial seeking donations
  3. **Burn registry – Iraq war veterans encouraged to enroll**

### 4) Business

- a) FBMS/ Commander Anderson House – FBMS report due MARCH- action items to be addressed
  - i) Census data not returned to town hall
  - ii) Service dog on property – other residents c/o dog barking/question neglect
  - iii) VC would like to see House Meetings reinstated to deal with communal living issues
- b) Animal Control Officer (ACO) to be recognized for providing canine companion visitation to homebound veteran – PAO to contact Hingham Journal again – Action item: VC agreed to make \$250 donation to ACO for pet supplies (Petco or Unleashed)
- c) FY 2017 Council tasks reviewed
- d) Save the Date: 20 May 2017 @1000 – Foss Dedication!!!! Need speaker
- e) Blue Star Banner Program – Need more outreach to Blue Star Families - Hank Maude– will make calls as needed to update list

### 5) Next Meeting 2 Mar 2017

### 6) Adjournment: 2100

Respectfully Submitted by: Maureen DeMenna, Secretary