



## WAREHAM VETERANS COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date: August 23, 2018

Attendees: Acting Chairman Skip Sarnelli, Julio Roderick, Paul Geigle,  
Don King, Dennis Praino, Jim Bruce, Craig Schluter, Ilene Klaver

Members Not in Attendance: Tootsie Russell, Joe Cappello,  
Joe Fittman (Excused), James Crockett

Guests: Jean Sarnelli, Mike Ward

Prepared by: Ilene Klaver, Acting Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call taken.

There being a lack of quorum at the last meeting, no business was conducted;  
therefore, there were no official minutes to approve.

#### Upcoming Projects: Veterans Day

A ceremony and luncheon will be held at the VFW. Details will be discussed at the next meeting regarding food for the luncheon and dignitaries for the ceremony.

#### Reports:

Commemorative Stone: Thanks to Paul Geigle for spearheading this project and to Skip Sarnelli and Julio Roderick who worked with Paul for this project. Thanks to Brian Litchfield for donating the stone and his time and labor for placement of the stone. Copies of the newspaper articles in the Courier and Wareham Week were passed around. There was also a front page article in the Standard Times. \$103.59 was spent for stone and edging on the stone, leaving a balance of \$470.41 in the Council gift fund.

Honor Roll: One of the names originally presented had to be declined due to the service member not having served the required 180 days.

New Members: Don King, Craig Schluter, Dennis Praino and Ilene Klaver were welcomed by Skip Sarnelli.

New Business: Nominations were made, seconded and passed unanimously for the following officers:

Skip Sarnelli - Chairman   Paul Geigle - Vice Chairman   Joe Fitman - Clerk

Congratulations to the new slate of officers.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to request \$1,000.00 from the Friends to be donated to the Seabees.

#### Discussions:

September 8, 2018 Letters From Home will be presented as a fundraiser by the Seabees at 7:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 11 Gibbs Avenue, Wareham. Ticket cost is \$20.00. This performance will honor the Vietnam era.

The VFW is holding a fish fry on 8/24/18 at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$12.00

Elks are holding a fish fry on 8/31/18 at 6:00 p.m. Guests will include veterans from the Brockton VA and Kendrick House.

Skip Sarnelli is working with the gentlemen from Plymouth who are working to restore the Huey helicopter. There is discussion of having the Huey at the VFW for viewing.

Mike Ward provided an update on the monument project of the Friends. To date, no official written permit for this project has been received. The monument will be 12' tall on a 3' x 4' base with a 6' x 5' foundation and 3' of crushed stone. The monument will have emblems for the MA DOT, Elks (BPOE), VFW, Knights of Columbus, American Legion and Catholic Order of Foresters. An 18" Elks coin will be in the middle. The Elks are selling a commemorative coin for \$5.00 (orders can be placed with Mike). The dedication date is still set for 10/27/18.

Next scheduled meeting is September 13, 2018 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Klaver, Acting Clerk