

# WAREHAM VETERANS COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date: March 7, 2019

Attendees: Vice Chairman Paul Geigle, Julio Roderick, Don King, Craig Schluter, Ilene Klaver, Richard Tenore, Evan Dolimpia

Members Not in Attendance: Jim Bruce, Tootsie Russell, Joe Cappello, Dennis Praino (Excused), Joe Fitman (Excused), James Crockett, Skip Sarnelli (Excused), Jean Sarnelli (Excused)

Guests: Mike Besse

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call taken.

Motion was made by Julio Roderick and seconded by Ilene Klaver to accept the minutes of the 1/3/19 meeting with the following corrections: The name of Mike C. Besse is changed to Harry C. Besse.

Paul Geigle will confirm with the town treasurer how much money is left in our account(s) in order to fund future projects.

Old Business: Discussion of ongoing project to re-name the Onset Pier/Harbormaster's building. There is an undertaking to redo the pier. Mike Besse circulated a petition to be brought to Town Meeting to accomplish this task. E-mail was read, from Alan Slavin, that renaming the pier is not an option; perhaps a bench to be placed on the pier. There were further comments that the current Harbormaster is not in favor of renaming the harbormaster's building. This issue appears to be "on hold" until a determination is made for the work on the pier.

Discussion of how Friends of the Wareham Veterans Council, Inc. are conducting events in the name of the Council and not supporting approved Council projects. This is an ongoing issue to be addressed further with the BOS. A letter to the newspaper, composed by Don King, was read and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

New Business:

Two upcoming celebrations were discussed - Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Memorial Day: Julio Roderick will take care of the flags and markers at the cemeteries. Jim Bruce needs to be contacted regarding the ceremony.

Veterans Day: In addition to Jean Sarnelli and Ilene Klaver, Don King offered to work on this committee. Julio Roderick suggested we open up "volunteers" to the community. It was also mentioned that Bob White has offered his help. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Re-appointment letters were received by Julio Roderick, Paul Geigle and Tootsie Russell, all of whose terms with the Council expire in June. Julio has sent initial notification that he intends to remain on the Council; Paul is undecided; no knowledge of Tootsie's intentions.

Mission Statement: A new mission statement has been created; however, there were no copies available for review/discussion. Don King presented his draft. Further discussion at the next meeting. The intention is to have the mission statement on the website.

Reports:

Evan Dolimpia: The JROTC will be presenting the colors at the town meeting in April.

Julio Roderick: The VFW will be holding its annual Vietnam Veterans breakfast on March 31st. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door. Richard Tenore will speak with his CO to see if Mass Maritime can provide a color guard at this event. The VFW is also holding a meat raffle on March 16th.

Motion was made by Julio Roderick, seconded by Ilene Klaver to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting is April 4, 2019 at 7:00.

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APPROVED BY WAREHAM  
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Signed, Skip Sarnelli, Chairman