

Wareham's Veterans Council Minutes
10/11/2018

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Call to order: Skip Sarnelli, Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Guests

Roll Call: Julio Roderick, Paul Giegle, Skip Sarnelli, Jim Bruce, Dennis Praino, Don King, Ilene Klaver, Craig Shluter, Joseph Fitman

Members Not in Attendance: Erwin Russell, Joseph Crockett, Joe Cappello

Guests: Jean Sarnelli, Evan Dolimpia (JROTC), Arthur Sandlap, Matt Stanton

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved, pending the following correction, as noted by Ilene Klaver. The minutes that currently read, "Next meeting 10/11/2018 at 1800, located at Wareham Town Hall," will now read "Next meeting 10/11/2018 at 1800, located at Multi-service center."

Julio Roderick makes motion to accept minutes as corrected, seconded by Don King, as corrected. Vote passes unanimously and will be corrected as noted.

Reports:

Julio Roderick:

October 20th, Clam Boil, VFW, 1400-1700. Susan Gifford has confirmed her attendance to the Veterans Day Celebration at the Wareham VFW. The JROTC will provide a color guard, with the possibility of a color guard from MMA. Doors will open promptly at 1500.

Dennis Praino:

Spoke with DPW, will work with electrician to fix the lights, order the proper flag poles, and procurement of the proper sized flag. Also working on contacting the Elm St, New Bedford to R.I. VA, which is open 0730-1200 and can assist with transportation. Also notes that the American Legion will donate soda, water, and cups to the celebration.

Paul Giegle:

Will be making soup to contribute to the celebration.

Ilene Klaver:

will try to bring Blue Star Mothers to the celebration. Additionally, there will be a flag planting ceremony Bourne National Cemetery, Saturday 3 November 1000. 77,000 flags will be planted that day.

Skip Sarnelli:

Alan Slavin will read the Veterans day Proclamation to kick off the ceremony, after the National Anthem. After this, there will be the introduction of the guests, Marc Pacheco, State Representative, and Susan William Gifford, State Senator.

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Don King:

Presents finding on idea of America at war from a previous comment from a meeting this past summer. We are technically not at war, and haven't been so, since World War II. Other "wars" are classified as conflicts. We need proper 24/7 lighting and protection of the flags in accordance with federal flag flying regulations. Also notes there is a gentleman down south that is looking to help the council out with flags; he is looking to get in touch with someone from the council to help us out. Mr. King will reach out and solidify this agreement.

Joseph Fitman:

Currently working with Lt. Wayne Magee and MMA Honor Guard to procure an MMA color guard for the Veterans Day celebration.

Guest Comments:

Arthur Sandlap:

Arthur would like to plant flowers and mulch on the commemorative stone monument. He will plant red, white, and blue tulips, and readdress the lights, making them stronger. He will take care of the landscaping and other maintenance needs year-round. No further action is needed, except for an email by the chairman, stating that they came here and pitched the ideas under guests' comments, and that the Council has approved this idea. He would also like to donate a Vietnam veterans' flag, 3X5, to give to the council.

New Business

JROTC cadet, Evan Dolimbia, will attend meetings and consider fulfillment of the JROTC position, pending some other actions.

Movement to VFW will be tabled until after Veterans Day.

Meeting with Bob Powillitas occurred, as noted in the last meeting, took place and was not as beneficial as had been hoped. The situation currently remains the same as it was before the meeting; no changes have taken place.

Skip Sarnelli, Presentation of potential change of bylaws. As it currently reads, "it shall consist of nine (9) members, who shall each serve a term of three (3) years. The initial appointments shall be staggered so that the council seats become vacant each year." The change, brought up for discussion and potential new business on the next meetings, will now read, "it shall consist of eleven (11), who shall each serve a term of three (3) years."

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Bruce, seconded by Julio Roderick, motion voted on and passed unanimously at 1951.