Wareham's Veterans Council Minutes 11/8/2018

Call to Order: Skip Sarnelli, Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Guest

Roll Call: Julio Roderick, Skip Sarnelli, Craig Schluter, Paul Giegle, Joe Cappello, Don King, Dennis Praino, Ilene Klaver, Joseph Fitman

Members Not in Attendance: Jim Bruce, Jim Crockett, Erwin Russell, Evan Dolimpia (excused)

Guest: Matt Stanton, Jean Sarnelli, Arthur Sandop, Craig Bamberry

Approval of Minutes: Approved, pending changes. The line that currently reads "pan of ziti or pasta from Mama Mia or Bells," shall now read, "pan of ziti or pasta from Mama Mia or Vel's." Julio Roderick makes a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Ilene Klaver, as corrected. Vote passes unanimously and will be corrected as noted.

Citizens Comments

Craig Bamberry:

Would like to get the council to support his mission of his foundation, "Children Are Victims 2," which goes to disaster sites, like Hurricane Katrina and Super-Storm Sandy with a moving truck of toys and assists in bringing a sense of normalcy to the affected children.

Reports

Skip Sarnelli:

After discussion, Skip Sarnelli agrees to take on the cause of spreading word of Craig Bamberry's mission to support children affected by disasters. Will assist by posting flyers and word of mouth.

Don King:

Will be coordinating with the town hall to work with Mike Besse and to help sort out all the needed files pertinent to the project. After showing Selectmen Slavin the DD-214, he said he would agree to back the renaming process of the harbor masters building. They will work to present the case to the board of selectmen to get the issues before the town formally.

Jean Sarnelli:

Update on the supplies needed for the Veterans Day Celebration. Assisted by Robert White and Paul Giegle. We are now all set, aside from a small quantity of food.

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Jean Sarnelli and Ilene Klaver have produced a pamphlet for the ceremony. There are three types of meatballs, potato salad, beef stew, cookies, and cake. Selectmen Slavin met with Skip Sarnelli, to assist in the processing of payment of expenses to date.

Matt Stanton:

JROTC Unit will be there presenting colors for the National Anthem. There will also be 40/50 8th graders there for a rough total of 55 in attendance. The council has finally approved the final sequence of events for the ceremony. He also mentioned the significance of having the wooden service ribbons at the middle school, and the remembrance events there that have been taking place the past week.

Craig Schluter:

Spoke about the success of the flag planting ceremony at the Bourne National Cemetery.

Joseph Fitman:

Will compose a speech about the importance of Veterans Day for the ceremony this weekend, as well as assist in any way needed.

Julio Roderick:

The VFW is all setup for the celebration. Additionally, November 17th, at 1200, there is a free dinner for seniors or veterans. Tomorrow, November 9th, there is a free breakfast at Decas School for all veterans. He will also speak to Jessica about getting the flag removal procedure started for the three cemeteries. Will store the flags in the VFW and respectfully dispose of any flags not meeting the federal standards for flag flying etiquette.

Paul Giegle:

After Veterans Day celebration, he would like to meet with the director of the Library to try and acquire space to store some of the memorabilia from The Moving Wall. These items would include the ones that were under the tent. He will also request the help of Angela Dunham of the Wareham Historical Society to obtain this goal. The full development and discussion of this process shall be tabled to the next meeting.

Julio Roderick makes a motion to adjourn at 2013 and is seconded by Paul Geigle. The next meeting will be held on 29 November.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Joseph Fitman

APPROVED NOVEMBER 29, 2018

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