

Wareham's Veterans Council Minutes
11/29/2018

Call to Order: Skip Sarnelli, Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Guest

Roll Call: Julio Roderick, Skip Sarnelli, Jean Sarnelli, Craig Schluter, Paul Gieggle, Don King, Ilene Klaver, Joseph Fitman

Members Not in Attendance: Jim Bruce, Jim Crockett, Erwin Russel, Evan Dolimpia, Joe Capello, Arthur Sandlap, Dennis Priano, Don King (Excused)

Guest: Matt Stanton, Mike Besse, Richard Tenore, Adam Perkins

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as standing. Motion made by Julio Roderick to accept minutes, seconded by Ilene Klaver and passes unanimously.

Reports

Skip Sarnelli:

The flags that have been placed at the cemeteries will be picked up next week. On December 22, the VFW will host a dinner from 1-4pm for senior citizens, veterans, and anyone in need. Additionally, the council will send Lt. Colonel Stanton a thank you letter for his time and efforts making the Veterans Day Celebration a success. Don King has created an official report which Skip will forward to the town and the selectmen. This report indicates Henry Besse meets the required criteria to have the harbor master building named after him. Skip and Julio will try and attend a Friends meeting in accordance with the wishes of the selectmen.

Julio Roderick:

The Veterans Day celebration was a success and the guest speakers Skip Sarnelli, Senator Pacheco, State Representative Gifford, Lt. Colonel Stanton, all did a wonderful job. The council appreciates the tremendous support of Lt. Colonel Stanton and the aid of the school children in assisting with serving the food after the ceremony. Submitted receipts to Jackie Hickey on November 26th, which totaled \$292.00, to the Friends for items related to the Veterans Day celebration reimbursement.

Paul Gieggle:

The VFW was an incredibly effective venue for the Veterans Day Celebration.

Ilene Klaver:

Makes a motion, which was seconded by Julio Roderick, to accept an endeavor to move forward with the process of recommending the report made by Don King to selectmen and rename the Onset Pier the "Henry C. Besse Memorial Pier". The council will conduct a more in-depth fact-finding mission before presenting this idea to the selectmen. This motion passes unanimously.

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Citizens Comments

Mike Besse:

Don King was incredibly helpful in assisting in the search for documents to help bolster the mission. I thank the council for their outstanding support. Both Don and I feel that the pier should be named after Henry Besse, however, if the selectmen did not want to go through the procedure, a plaque commemorating his time and service would be acceptable.

Richard Tenore/Adam Perkins:

Spoke about experiences at MMA and that one of them will be replacing 1/C Joseph Fitman as Academy Liaison Officer in the spring.

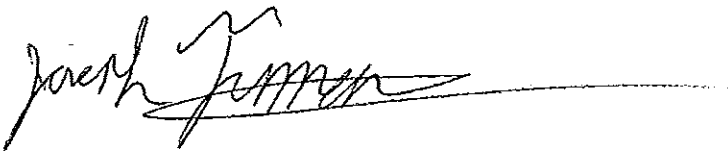
Matt Stanton:

Brief description of the JROTC program and the differences between JROTC and ROTC programs. The JROTC program is more about teaching values, discipline, and being a good, upstanding citizen, rather than the focus on military leadership.

Julio Roderick makes a motion to adjourn, which is seconded by Ilene Klaver. The meeting is adjourned at 2001.

Next Meeting: January 3rd, 2019 at 1900.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joseph Fitman, Clerk



Approved by

The Wareham Veterans Council

January 3, 2019