

VETERANS COUNCIL

March 12th, 2015 minutes

Call to order 7:00 PM

Pledge of allegiance

Present: Steve Ruiz, Robert White, Arthur Lee, Julio Roderick, Joe Capello, Jim Bruce

Unable to attend: Pastor Wright, Erwin Russell, John Ferranti

Guests: Donald Lombard, Jim Dunlop with the Council on Ageing, Chris Schott Wareham Courier

Brief discussion concerning open meeting rules, public is welcome, 48 hour requirement to be on the agenda, 5 member minimum in attendance for quota.

Announcements made concerning VFW flea market, American Legion corned beef supper, and Library mini golf fund raiser.

New Business:

Memorial Day...Don Lombard (veterans officer) spoke at length about previous activities and locations. He worked with several people on Veterans Day including the Legion and Henry Dor and others. Rockland for flags, markers for graves, Irene's House of Flowers for wreaths...for placement at cemeteries and bridges. As many as 12 gross of flags (1728)...Jim will speak with Mary Alice at Irene's.

It is a group opinion that we need to ask for help...particularly other groups, for the placement of wreaths and flags.

Work will continue on locations, ceremony, a bugler, and group participation...etc.

Funding for Veterans Day and the above items is a significant question that needs to be answered.

Selectmen chose 10 people for a 9 member board...Bob will seek a change in board membership by suggesting the board not exceed eleven (11) members (to the Selectmen). This was moved, seconded, and approved by all.

The 501 C3 is still a matter of further discussion right now.

Bob will write letters to Mass Maritime Academy and ROTC concerning one student each participation with the Veterans Council. Motion made and seconded and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectively submitted

Jim Bruce

Clerk