

# WAREHAM VETERANS COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 11, 2021

Attendees: Chairman Joseph Sarnelli, Julio Roderick, Paul Geigle, Jean Sarnelli, Matt Stanton

Guests: Alan Slavin, Ryan Langlois

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call taken.

**Reports:** Jr. ROTC: Matt Stanton announced the new Jr. ROTC member would be Austin Tripp.

**Old Business:** There are three new potential members of the Council. They will each be attending meetings before the Council votes.

### **New Business:**

#### New Member –

The chairman introduced Ryan Langlois as a potential interested new member of the Council. Ryan stated he was a Veteran and discussed his military service and interest in joining the group. Members stated that they were anxious to add to the membership and wanted to encourage young veterans to join. They were impressed by Ryan's background and desire to be a vital member of the Council.

A motion was made by Julio Roderick to send to the Selectman Board our recommendation of Ryan as a new Council member and seconded by Jean Sarnelli. The motion passed unanimously. A letter of recommendation will be submitted to the Selectman Board.

#### Veterans Day 2021 –

The agenda for this year's Veterans Day ceremony was reviewed. A discussion was held to plan to nominate a Veteran Grand Marshall of the Year. Matt Stanton will initiate the process. Senator Pacheco and Representative Gifford will be contacted by Jean Sarnelli to speak at the ceremony. Julio will contact Erwin Russell to do the Opening Prayer and Benediction. The Selectman Board will be contacted for the Veterans Day Proclamation to be read by Chairman Judy Whiteside. Matt Stanton will contact Steve Ruiz for music and recording. Patriot Pen Essay VFW winner and Voice of Democracy VFW Competition winner will also speak. Will review all at next Council meeting.

#### Vacant Committee Positions -

The American Legion and MMA will be contacted for new representation to the Council.



Elections –

A discussion was held to determine when the Council should have officer elections. Last year's election was postponed due to the Covid-19 regulations cancelling meetings. Membership decided (as with other committees) we would hold our next elections in June 2022.

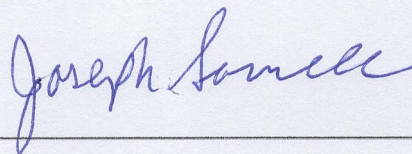
Next meeting is October 18, 2021 at 5:00 PM at the VFW Onset.

Motion was made by Jean Sarnelli to adjourn, seconded by Julio Roderick. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Sarnelli  
Acting Clerk

Approved by Wareham Veterans Council  
October 18, 2021



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Joseph "Skip" Sarnelli  
Chairman  
Wareham Veterans Council