

WAREHAM VETERANS COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date: June 19, 2019

Attendees: Chairman Skip Sarnelli, Julio Roderick, Paul Geigle, Dennis Praino, Craig Schluter, Don King, Jean Sarnelli, Ilene Klaver,

Members Not in Attendance: Jim Bruce, Joe Cappello, Tootsie Russell, Evan D'Olimpia, James Crockett, Richard Tenore

Guests: Mary McKenzie

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call taken.

Motion was made by Don King and seconded by Julio Roderick to accept the minutes of the 5/15/19 meeting with the correction of the spelling of John McGonnell.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: Jean Sarnelli confirmed that the Council has \$287.50 in its general fund and \$138.07 in the gift fund. These amounts are after the payment of \$415.00, from the general fund, to Irene's Florist for wreaths for Memorial Day. The \$287.50 will be set aside for Veterans Day after presentation to the Town of an invoice for food expenses.

Memorial Day: Discussion regarding the length of the event resulted in members unanimously deciding to limit the locations as follows: Town Green, Center, St. Patricks and Agawam cemeteries, Besse Park (floater) Dudley Brown and Town Hall. It was further decided that once the program is established, no additions or changes will be allowed without consent of the Council Chairman. Members were encouraged to think about the extent of the program which will be discussed at a future meeting.

Veterans Day: Plans to move forward with a ceremony and luncheon.

New Business:

Nominations were taken for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk. The following members will hold these positions for the coming year: Skip Sarnelli, Chairman, (nominated by Julio Roderick and seconded by Dennis Praino); Paul Geigle, Vice

Chairman (nomination made by Skip Sarnelli and seconded by Jean Sarnelli) and Ilene Klaver, Clerk (nomination made by Skip Sarnelli and seconded by Jean Sarnelli).

As of June 30 there will be 1 vacancy on the Council. Tootsie Russell has declined re-appointment.

Skip Sarnelli discussed briefly his meeting with Council liaison Alan Slavin. Due to the lack of support and funding by the Friends of the Wareham Veterans Council, options to keep the Council viable were discussed. This is a critical topic requiring extensive discussion and will be an agenda item for a future meeting,

Motion was made by Julio Roderick, seconded by Jean Sarnelli to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Future meetings for 2019 will be held: July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene Klaver, Clerk

Approved by:
Skip Sarnelli, Chairman
Aug. 21, 2019