

Veterans Council Minutes

Thursday 9 JANUARY 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: 1900 hrs. with Pledge of Allegiance @ Town Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Frank Curtis, Janine Suchecki, Jack Rayburn, Scott McMillan, Joe Sweeney, MaryAnn Blackmur, Jay Ippolitto, Benjamin Dulieu, Hank Maude, Tom Burbank

Excused: Keith Jermyn, Joe Gragg,

Absent: None

Liaisons:

American Legion -

VFW -

DAV -

Linden Ponds - Jack Darrow

VSO Administrator: Lisa Potts

Guests: None

3. OFFICER REPORTS:

a) Reviewed minutes of 5 December 2019 meeting.

b) VSO Report (read by Lisa Potts):

a) Overall Veteran funding is looking good.

VCBF - \$4144.67

VINTF - \$28,,887.00 Expect to see a big surge

Veteran Gift Cards - \$2000.00+

b) Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day was held at Hingham Harbor.

c) The Christopher Orlando Memorial Scholarship Fund - for Student going into trades or military.

d) HHS WRESTLING and Veterans Appreciation Day is scheduled for 15 JAN 20 at HHS 1845hrs

e) Wounded by War Presentation by Kevin Flike at HHS, Sponsored by the Hingham Sports Partnership and Hingham education Foundation - 30 JAN 2020 @ 1900 hrs.

c) PAO Report (Janine Suchecki): Hingham Veterans Council Facebook page currently reflects 577 followers. Information on this page is available and impacts all Veterans whether Hingham Residents or not.

d) Treasurers Report (Jack Rayburn): Jack gave an update on the (VCBF and VINTF) funds. See VSO notes for the current funding status.

4. NEW BUSINESS/UPDATES

a) Veterans Expo Fair update (Hank Maude) - Trade Fair Held at Linden Ponds, Hingham. Coordinating with VSO, State VA, Legions, VFW, DAV, etc. for representation. Purpose is to provide Veterans with information and answer questions/concerns. Primary and alternate dates are: Saturday 18 April 2020 (Patriots Day) or Saturday 25 April 2020. Backup dates 16-17 (Thur, Fri) April 2020.

d) LPVA: Veterans Day Speaker - Ben Duillieu, Memorial Day Speaker - Lisa Bronson, graduate and instructor of the Washington DC National War College.

b) DAV: None

c) Council By Laws Revisions: See notes below.

5. COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS / SUGGESTIONS / UPDATES: NONE

- a) Frank provided an update on Hingham's "Veteran of the Year."
Conducted a review and re-write of the Hingham Veterans Council By-Laws
Article II "PURPOSE" revisions reviewed and approved unanimously by the Council.
Article III "MEMBERSHIP" revisions reviewed, updated by the council.
Article IV "OFFICERS" reviewed and approved unanimously by the Council.
- b) American Legion Update: No meeting Jan or Feb 2020.
- c) VFW update: Meeting Saturday . Patriots Pen Voice of Democracy was well attended. Additionally, it turned out to be an exceptional and successful event.

The next Council Meeting, scheduled for 6 February 2020, will focus primarily on the review, revision and member approval of the Veterans Council By-Laws.

MEETING ADJOURNED 2041 hrs.

Respectfully submitted – Joe Sweeney