

**Wakefield Veterans Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

Call to Order

Chairman Jay Pinette called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. in the Second Floor Conference Room, Wakefield Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present were Chairman Pinette, Recording Secretary Pam Hart, Members Tom Collins, Melinda Cook, Don Hart, Richard Pearson., Bill Walsh, VSO Karen Burke.

Motion to approve the January 2018 minutes by Richard Pearson, seconded by Tom Collins, voted and so approved.

Chairman Pinette has followed up with Jason Donovan who has shown interest in being appointed to the VAB. Donovan has since sent a Letter of Interest to the Board of Selectmen and hopes to be appointed soon.

VSO Report

VSO Burke spoke about the success of the monthly Veterans Food Market.

She mentioned that her office has added a new Chapter 155 client due to that veteran enduring a recent fire.

There are six applicants for the open Wakefield VSO position. Interviews will start next week.

Memorial Day Observance Prep

Veteran Tom Lyons has been contacted to speak at this year's Memorial Day observance.

The local Girl Scouts are expected to scatter the ceremonial rose petals, possibly at the Veterans Memorial Common at the conclusion of the scheduled assembly held at the Galvin Middle School, weather permitting. The WHS Choral Society, or perhaps an a Capella group, will also be contacted to perform.

Coffee and donuts will be served after the assembly.

As this year's assembly is not being held on a Saturday, there will be no conflict with Wakefield Youth Basketball using the building and taking up parking spots as happened this past Veterans Day.

The board hopes to have plans finalized by May 1.

Other Items

Tabled for further discussion are VAB Bylaws and how they can be viewed on a Web page.

Adjournment

Richard Pearson motioned to adjourn for the evening, seconded by Tom Collins.

Chairman Pinette closed the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Pam Hart

Minutes approved by: Jay Pinette

