

Wakefield Veterans Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Call to Order

Chairman Jay Pinette called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the First Floor Conference Room, Wakefield Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present were Chairman Pinette, Secretary Pam Hart, Don Hart, Bob Ettinger, Richard Pearson, Dan Benjamin. Absent: Melinda Cook, Tom Collins.

Motion to approve May 2019 minutes: Rick Pearson motion to approve, seconded by Dan Benjamin, motion passed.

VSO Report

In absence of VSO Dave Mangan, no report was given.

New Business

A Veterans Coffee Social will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Quannapowitt Yacht Club from 9-11 a.m. The Board is hoping for a good turnout. Additional dates are Oct. 5 and Dec. 14. Refreshments will be provided by HoneyDew Donuts.

Discussed was a plaque to present to HoneyDew Donuts in appreciation of donations provided to the board for Memorial and Veterans Day collations.

Old Business

The Board is still working on constructing its Bylaws and Mission Statement. They agreed that meeting agendas should be put on the Town website and published in the newspaper.

Veterans Day Ceremony

A quick overview of preparations for this year's Veterans Day Ceremony at the Galvin Middle School. Further discussion on the program will be taken at the board's October meeting.

Other Business

The board reviewed the 2019/2020 meeting dates.

Discussed was the need to understand exactly what duties the VSO performs. This will enable VAB members to better help veterans and their families when

approached as to what services they are entitled to and alleviate any false information being provided.

The board would like to have veterans participate in local school activities by visiting classrooms and interacting with students.

Forest Glade Cemetery once again has been chosen as a site for Wreaths Across America this December.

Next meeting Oct. 15.

Adjournment

Pam Hart motioned to adjourned, seconded by Don Hart. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Pam Hart

Minutes approved by: Jay Pinette