

Wakefield Veterans Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Call to Order

Chairman Jay Pinette called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, via Zoom conference, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

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

Also present were VSOs Karen Burke and Dave Mangan.

VSO Report

Mangan gave an update on Chapter 115 recipients, the CARE Act and the monthly Veterans Food Pantry.

Food For Vets will be distributed on the North Shore for area veterans in the following weeks. Veterans must register online and have proof of service. Information regarding this will be publicized in the Item.

Memorial Day

The Memorial Day ceremony which is held at the Galvin Middle School Auditorium will not take place this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The Board hopes that some type of recognition can be held in June. WCAT will be airing past ceremonies throughout the day. Discussed was contacting Parker Florist for memorial wreaths.

Due to social distancing, the Board this year will not publicize the need for help adorning veterans' graves with flags, deciding to distribute them together. There are 33 gross flags at the senior center and 144 flags at the VSO office in Melrose

New Business

Reviewed was the list of current members, citing new appointment Kristi Yentile to a 3-year term.

September's meeting will be election of officers, with discussion on length of term.

Chairman Pinette will follow through to get an update on progress of the current Eagle Scout project.

Prior to closing the meeting Chairman Pinette thanked member Don Hart for his assistance on the Board during his term and wished him well as Hart has decided to resign.

Motion to Adjourn by Pam Hart, seconded by Melinda Cook; motion passed, meeting closed at 7:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Pam Hart

Minutes approved by: Jay Pinette