

Scituate Veterans Council Meeting Tuesday, September 13th 2022 at 6:00pm

VFW Hall Rt 3A Scituate MA

Call to order 6:08 at VFW Hall

VAC members present: Joe Kelley, Ed Kelley, Chris Lessard, Kim Stewart

Others: Ed Gibbons, SPD liaison, Don Knapp, VSO

Connors Update: K. Stewart and C Lessard reported the Connors team is looking at 2 sites from a narrowed down list provided by the Town Administrator: The Town Common and the grassy area to the left of the new Senior Center in the front of the Old Gates School. The team has been provided with all utility plans that could be found. A visit from the sculptor was delayed. The Connors team continues to raise funds.

J. Kelley advises that the Council has done its job by providing site location options, guidance and support. Will continue to attend meeting with the Connors team as needed.

FURTHER ACTION: attend Connors meetings as needed K Stewart, B. MacLean, C Lessard

Retired flag receptacle: J. Kelley reports the box was installed and in use. SCTV filmed a short presentation of the new box at the landfill and posted to social media. The box cost \$764.00. Some concern over a handmade sign asking folks not to deposit plastic bags.

NO FUTHER ACTION REQUIRED

Flag cleaning: no action on this has been taken.

FURTHER ACTION: C. Lessard

Veteran's Outreach: J. Kelley led discussion about where and when we could have the VA Mobile Van. K. Stewart suggested maybe just have the van come to Scituate and not wrap it around an event per say. K. Stewart suggested maybe D. Knapp could work with SCTV to produce a video with simple instructions about how to sign up etc.

Veteran's Day happenings- K. Stewart reported that Food Pantry is doing their event again this year at the Senior Center. Community Christmas is sending a card to all known Scituate veterans which will include a special gift and also, they will put out the flag field at the Susan Phippen House honoring all known Scituate Veterans.

FURTHER ACTION: C. Lessard to get dates from VA Mobile Van

VSO Report: D. Knapp discussed the PACT Act: The PACT Act is a historic new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This new law empowers VA to provide generations of Veterans – and their survivors – with the care and benefits they have earned. He will email the details to us.

FUTHER ACTION: K. Stewart to post to social media

Acceptance of May minutes: E. Kelley moved C. Lessard second- motion carries unanimously.

Treasurer's report: E Kelly reports \$638.63 in VAC account and \$2444.90 in Vietnam Vets account.

VAC members: K. Stewart reminds Council that we have a vacancy due to E. Hanafin's retirement. Lorraine Devin, select board administrator, says we can ask the board to increase the number of members if we want. We would need to go before them and request such an increase. Members are encouraged to seek out folks who might be willing to serve and ask them to apply through the select board's office.

FUTHER ACTION: recruit members- ALL Petition select board for increase number of members if desired – J. Kelley.

At this time VFW members arrived to make introductions.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm

Next meeting October 04, 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Kim Stewart, Secretary