



Scituate Veterans Council Meeting Wednesday, March 02 at 6:30 pm

Scituate Senior Center, 333 First Parish Road Scituate MA

Council Members present: K Stewart, J Kelley, C Lessard, B McLean, E Kelley

Others in attendance: Don Knapp, VSO, Dennis Bador, American Legion, Steve Litchfield, American Legion

Call to order at 6:32 J Kelley

Outreach at Landfill - J Kelley asking for volunteers for Sunday, March 6 at the Landfill 8am-2pm J Kelley, B McClean (after 12) C Lessard, K Stewart all volunteered. Need permission- K Stewart to handle. Need Humvee- M Devereaux to handle?

Signs/shirts – K Stewart and M Devereaux looked at shirts at Rockland Athletics and signs at Bond Printing. M Devereaux emailed the proofs of a 4x8 banner and an A frame sign for outreach. Still waiting for shirt samples/pricing.

Motion to fund \$500 for A frame, 4x8 banner and graphic work by E Kelley, second by B McClean – motion carries unanimously.

J Kelley led a discussion about the Connors statue. Presenter will be at our April 6th meeting. Ahead of that meeting B McLean will find out what the steps would be if the Council approves the concept. The presenters have asked if we have Zoom hybrid capabilities as folks from

out of state are wanting to attend. J Kelley will look into this a possibility.

D Bador reports that the Legion is watching this decision closely as they have been advocating for an Honor Wall. C Lessard expressed concern for the precedent approval will set.

Outreach Letter- J Kelley asked who was handling the outreach letter. K Stewart said D Kitchen printed and the letter was being given out at outreach events. J Kelley asked if it could be mailed and if M Devereaux could rally some student athletes to fold and stuff. No action taken on this.

American Legion Flag cleaning- J Kelley reports the flag is missing at the moment.

Veterans Breakfast- E Kelley, J Kelley, B McClean, C Lessard and K Stewart will be in attendance. VA Mobile Van due to arrive 8-8:30 C Lessard to handle. Speaker Jooyi Ryan, M Devereaux to handle. D. Knapp will not be able to attend. J Kelley will MC.

K. Stewart will handle food from Pour. Senior Center will supply coffee.

Collateral Duties- M Deveraux reached out to J Kelley asking about assigning regular duties to each council member for greater efficiency in carrying out Council duties. J Kelley suggests a special projects person. K Stewart remarks that it's difficult to conduct Council business without being able to communicate between meetings. Working in groups would alleviate this obstacle. K Stewart suggests, Liaison with VSO, Facebook, press, outreach, events, team to work on requests for assistance. K Stewart asked if we are still working on website admin. J Kelley believes D Kitchen is working on this. Limited discussion. Revisit next meeting.

Support for VSO- J Kelley led short discussion about how the VAC should support the VSO while out doing outreach. D. Knapp asks that council members direct people to him and not to engage in any details about a Veterans situation.

Veteran in need- K Stewart led a discussion about a Scituate veteran who applied for assistance from Scituate Community Christmas of which she is the President and in charge of the intake team. The request is for 3 overdue home heating oil bills. K Stewart presented this veterans situation without revealing his identity to the Council. C Lessard brings up the point that the Council doesn't have a process for reviewing such requests at this time. B Mclean will draft a process for us to review and apply for future asks. The council decide to entertain this request since it had been vetted through SCC. Motion by E Kelley to pay the first of the 3 overdue bills in the amount of \$437.99. J Kelley second. Motion carries unanimously. E Kelley would like to hear what steps the veteran has taken to find more permanent solutions and possibly revisit additional bills.

Motion to adjourn E Kelley second K Stewart. Motion carries unanimously.

Adjournment 8:10

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Stewart, Secretary