

## **Scituate Veterans Council Meeting Wednesday, May 04 at 6:30pm**

**Scituate Senior Center, 333 First Parish Road Scituate MA**

Call to order at 6:34pm

In attendance: Joe Kelley, Kim Stewart, Marc Devereaux, Chris Lessard

Others: Steve Litchfield, American Legion Ed Gibbons, SPD Liasson

Discussion re: Memorial Day- S. Litchfield reports step off at 10:30am. Ceremony at Common 11:00am. E. Gibbons will coordinate large flag display with SFD. J. Kelley is arranging for keynote speaker.

Flags on graves- it is unclear who is putting out the flags this year.

Retired flag depository- J. Kelley led a discussion about this as a continuation from a previous meeting. E. Gibbons has a large that could be used for this at the landfill. E. Gibbons to speak to the DPW regarding installation. J. Kelley to look into vinyl wrapping as soon as he gets the dimensions.

VSO Update via email:

1. Budget for FY2023 has passed! Will be closing out FY2022 spending budget.
2. OnBase Chapter 115 re-certification has been completed and uploaded to the State (waiting for their approval).
3. Current ongoing Fully Developed Claims are either in or waiting on the veteran's evidence to sign and submit.
4. Flags have arrived for Memorial Day flagging of ALL the Town's veteran's graves. (need to coordinate a date to have this project done by Memorial Day) dates of: 5/14, 5/28 are out.
5. Red, white and blue Memorial Day wreaths have been ordered. DPW will install.
6. Planning for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony is ongoing. To date: Joe has a Guest Speaker (need a BIO on the guest speaker), Joe will read the names of the recently deceased Town veterans from last Memorial Day to present (this office will coordinate with Steve for the Lawson Tower Bell), Bob Chessia will MC the event. Jr. High Band has been notified (will notify High School Band), Working on the invitation invite to Town Officials (T/A, BOS, Chief of Fire/Police, School Committee etc.), Need to Coordinate with Legion/VFW for staging and rifle squad. This office will contact SCTV, basically this office is putting together the program!!!
7. VFW/Legion need to put together the Ceremony at Sea with the Harbormaster.
8. VAC to coordinate with Fire Department for the displaying of the new American Flag.
9. Sound system will be setup by this office and SCTV.
10. Obviously more to follow.

Connors Memorial- K. Stewart to get on the Select Board agenda and follow up with Kieran O'Shaughnessy. Placement of memorial was discussed. K. Stewart asked who makes the final decision. The common was identified as an appropriate place. M. Devereaux to write a letter of support to the Select Board from the Council.

Approval of April meeting minutes- C. Lessard and M. Devereaux second. Unanimous approval

Outreach- discussion about future events. Maybe fall.

Council terms- K. Stewart informed the council that terms expire every 3 years in June and the officers expire every year in June. J. Kelley will get the list from Lorraine. June agenda needs to have elections.

Meeting days/times- K. Stewart points out that the VSO works late on Tuesdays C Lessard agrees that this would be more convenient for him. Meetings will be moved to FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30pm.

Adjournment 7:44pm