



FALMOUTH VETERANS' COUNCIL
TOWN OF FALMOUTH

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January 14, 2026

Subject: Veterans' Council Meeting

Meeting Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Civil Defense Room

In Attendance: Chair Carissa April, Member David Branga, Member Brian Callanan, Member Brian Hodor, Member John Dillon, Member Ahmed Mustafa, Member Ron Nasif, Member Paula Smith, Member Elizabeth Sweeney and Julie Cadogan.

Absent: Director Jim Gouzas

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. and Pledge was recited.

OLD BUSINESS

Banners: The Council members discussed locations, number of poles involved, costs, possible grants, possibility of digital banners on Town website and other veterans' organization's websites, getting a webmaster to do that. Member Branga informed the Council that he has not received any further communication from the owners of the two plazas that he contacted previously. Member Smith noted it may be less sustainable to have banners with veterans' pictures on them and made some suggestions on how best to handle the banner situation by having a generic Falmouth loves it's veterans type banner in order to keep the costs down and avoid the process of choosing whose pictures to put on the banners and for how long the banner should stay up. The Council requested Director Gouzas get the number of poles in Town Hall parking lot where the banners are proposed to be placed and to ask the DPW for assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

On behalf of Director Gouzas Julie proposed Amanda Braga as a possible speaker for Memorial Day 2026. She is a military chaplain who Director Gouzas met at a Veterans' Day appreciation function at a local nursing home. She is also the sister of a late veteran. Upon discussion, all agreed she would be a good choice for the Memorial Day ceremony. Director Gouzas will contact her.

Motion to Adjourn by Member Dillon, seconded by Member Smith. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried (9-0).

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Carissa April

Carissa April, Chairperson
Falmouth Veterans' Council