



FALMOUTH VETERANS' COUNCIL
TOWN OF FALMOUTH

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March 8, 2023

Subject: Veterans' Council Meeting

Meeting Time: 4:00 p.m. - Place: Civil Defense Room

In Attendance: Chair Carissa April, Member Bill Doherty, Member Brian Hodor, Member Ron Nasif, Member Paula Smith, Member Elizabeth Sweeney, Don Lincoln and Julie Cadogan

Absent: Member Rob Foos

Meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. and Pledge was recited.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Policies and Procedures. It was determined that discussion of policies and procedures will be an ongoing project for the Council until completion. Member Hodor researched the policies and procedures of Veterans' Councils in other Town and provided copies of those policies to the Council. Julie will forward the notes from the initial policies and procedures brainstorming session.
2. Memorial Day Ceremony. The Council discussed possible speakers for the ceremony. Member Doherty mentioned possibly asking the Department Head of the Falmouth High School Citizenship class He was interested in hearing how military participation may be incorporated into their lessons. Member Sweeney talked about the Regional Training Institute (RTI) on Joint Base Cape Cod and will contact them to see if they have interest in providing a speaker.

The Council discussed how best to incorporate the reading of names of veterans who have passed away. This year, there will be two years' worth of names because the prior year's names were not available. Suggestions were for the Council members to share in reading a portion of the list and to perhaps spread the reading of the names throughout the ceremony instead of all at once.

Chair April informed the Council that the Joe Q Veteran Coffee Break, Inc. organization (Joe Q) will pay for the 2023 luncheons at the Elks after the Memorial and Veterans' Day ceremonies. She then gave an update about the building remodel progress at the new Falmouth Community Veterans' Center.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Council discussed the inquiry from Sara Achorn of Royal Megansett Nursing Home requesting the Council to partner with them to find ways to acknowledge the veterans who are residents there. Member Smith will be contacting Sara Achorn.

Chair April made a motion to adjourn, Member Smith seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.


Carissa April, Chairperson
Falmouth Veterans' Council