



FALMOUTH VETERANS' COUNCIL  
TOWN OF FALMOUTH

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November 8, 2023

Subject: Veterans' Council Meeting

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

In Attendance: Chair Carissa April (via phone), Member Bill Doherty, Member Rob Foos (via phone), Member Brian Hodor, Member Ron Nasif, Member Paula Smith and Member Elizabeth Sweeney (via phone)

Absent: Don Lincoln

Meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. and Pledge was recited.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Christmas Gift Bags: Discussion regarding whose responsibility it is for the program. Alan Driscoll told Member Nasif that he was speaking on behalf of Ron Dyer, the Amvets, VFW and DAV who want to take over the program. Member Doherty requested written clarification of which organizations want to take over the program. Member Foos said he didn't feel it was absolutely necessary for the organizations to confirm. Member Smith said she felt it was important to have the individual organizations weigh in on the matter to promote continuity and in case Alan Driscoll and/or Ron Dyer leave their respective service organizations.

Veterans' Day Ceremony: Discussion about Veterans' Day ceremony, who will carry the Council's banner (Chair April and Members Hodor and Nasif said they would help carry it). The Elks, as usual, are hosting the post-ceremony luncheon and the Joe Q Veteran Coffee Break organization will cover the cost.

Policies/Procedures Review: Deferred until December Veterans' Council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

## OPEN DISCUSSION

Member Sweeney proposed the idea that Veterans' Council meetings be held at 3:00 p.m. instead of 4:00 p.m., especially as it gets dark early during the winter. Member Doherty said he couldn't make a 3:00 p.m. meeting as he has another commitment at that time. This proposal was tabled until the December meeting.

Julie brought up the subject of term limits and vacant seats on the Council. She will get the minutes of the meeting from when the Falmouth Military Support Group got a seat on the Council (that seat is currently vacant). It will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting. Member Smith asked if the Cape and Islands Veterans' Outreach Center could get a seat on the Falmouth Veterans' Council. Member Nasif noted that vacant seats on the Council affect quorums and that it might be better to dissolve the vacant organizations' seats so that someone else can fill them. To be discussed further at the December meeting.

Chair April briefly discussed the upcoming Veterans' Council report to the Selectboard, which she will be presenting.

Member Smith made a motion to adjourn, Member Foos seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried (7-0).

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

*Carissa April*

Carissa April, Chairperson  
Falmouth Veterans' Council