

## **Beverly Veterans Council Meeting Minutes**

August 25, 2022 @ 5pm  
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- all the monuments in Beverly. The historical society is willing to fund it. It will not be a large amount of money.
- c) Gold Star Families – Kevin John Leslie and Harold Simmons. Chuck Clark has spoken to both families and needs to follow up.
  - d) Horses for Healing – Went over very well. Working on something in October with the horses and a car show. Bruce Doig is onboard with it. Being held as a fundraiser.
  - e) Vietnam Veterans Memorial – David Perinchief has spoken to Mike Collins regarding the walkway and the sign. Per Mike Collins, they are working on it but they are currently understaffed. The plaza is always a mess. People are putting their cigarettes/cigars out on the wall.

### **VI. New business**

- a) Wreaths Across America – December 17<sup>th</sup>. Cory Paulette has been approached by several people who have signed up but never been contacted by anyone. Others have shown up and the wreaths have already been placed. Tim Smith has been the contact in the past but he has moved out of state.
- b) Cemetery Flag Removal – North Shore Christian School will be helping to remove the flags at North Beverly Cemetery on November 12 @ 9am. Sean Murry is going to take care of Beverly Farms. St. Mary's is all done. ROTC will be asked to help with Central Cemetery. Major Ahmad Martin is the new leader of the BHIS ROTC. Susan Moran will ask Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to assist with Central Cemetery on November 12 @ 11am.
- c) Lt. Col. Ruggeri would like to be involved in Memorial Day. She is willing to be a speaker. She has done speeches in New Hampshire. She will try to attend the September Veterans Council Meeting.
- d) Storage for Veterans Posts – Some things are stored at the GAR Hall but it can only be accessed weekdays. Cory Paulette suggested having BVV and VFW split a storage container or a self-storage unit.

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- c) Veterans Day – A plaque was going to be given to Fortunato but it is not finished yet.
- f) Reappointments – Bob Laws, Donnie O'Connor, and Chuck Clark are due for reappointment. Their term will expire in 2022.

## **VII. Good of the Council**

- a) Paul Weinberg feels that the council does a good job of letting the public know about the various posts. He feels that we could be doing much for veterans. The VA came to the Lobster Festival during Beverly Homecoming but none of the advertising listed that the VA would be in attendance. The VA representative that was sent was filling in for someone on vacation. We need to be working on getting the younger veterans involved.
- b) Put together a veteran fair around Memorial Day. Lt. Col. Ruggeri is a medical provider and is willing to help out. Invite the NSCC veteran students. Advertise it in the newspaper.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Paul Weinberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:59pm.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Moran

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