

**Beverly Veterans Council Meeting
August 26, 2021 @ 5pm
3rd Floor City Hall**

Buddy Rehal called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Veterans council members present:

Buddy Rehal, Vice President
Susan Moran
David Perinchief
Paul Weinberg
Paul Lantz
Bob Laws
Cory Paulette
Chuck Clark
Ron Genest
Jan Pierce

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Advisory members and guests: Ken McKay, Sgt. Nick Parianos, Sgt. Maj. Oswald, Retired Lt. Col. Joanne Ruggeri, Army Infantryman Alexander Mock

Moment of Silence – for the service members we lost today in Afghanistan.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes:

Chuck Clark made a motion to amend the June 2021 meeting minutes to include tree removal at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza. Motion was seconded and carried.

Financial Report

Per David Perinchief a number of donations were received totally around \$300.00. They system had not updated yet so he could not give an exact balance. Per Bob Laws, a \$300.00 check is being sent from the Elks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Homecoming Cookout – The cookout was well attended and Rep. Seth Moulton stopped by.

David Perinchief will be a meeting tomorrow with Mayor Cahill, Brian Williams, and Bryant Ayles regarding receipts from the cookout. There were some discrepancies with what was donated and what was purchased and some receipts were unclear. Original receipts are required for reimbursement. A photocopy of a carbon copy receipt was submitted for reimbursement of hamburgers from the Danversport Yacht Club. However, the carbon copy of the receipt was written over so it is no longer valid. When David spoke to Danversport to get clarification, he was informed that the hamburgers were donated. A gift card was donated but the proper paperwork was not submitted. A donation of a gift card was submitted but did not match up with the printout accompanying it. The donation of a gift card requires a form and the individual who went and sequestered the donation has to submit the form. A gift card was purchased and then used to purchase items but without knowing what was purchased with the gift card there can be no reimbursement. A gas receipt was submitted from August 17, 2021 which was a couple day after the cookout. A gift card was activated to purchase soda but the receipt and the

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requested amounts do not match. There is one receipt from Market Basket that is reimbursable if David can get the original. Credit card statements showing purchases at Stop & Shop and Shaw's purchases was submitted but they do not match up with other receipts. The clam chowder was donated by Woodman's and the pizzas were donated but are listed for reimbursement. A receipt was submitted for \$300.00 for the cost of labor but there was no contract for labor or an hourly rate. Jan Pierce has offered to be in charge of receipts as long as she can be the one who purchases the items. Sgt Maj Oswald shared how reimbursement was handled with the City of Lynn. Cover letters were used (i.e. donation cover letter, reimbursement cover letter). Name of person who bought items, where it was purchased, date it was purchased, items purchased and the original receipt attached. If all information was not included there was no reimbursement. Donations have to list the organization who donated, date of donation, who it was donated to, purpose of the donation, and the donation slip had to be attached. Donations were not reimbursed.

Paul Weinberg moved to table the request for reimbursement until the paperwork is in order and can be voted on. This will be revisited at the September 2021 veterans council meeting.

Plaques @ O'Dell Park – Two names need to be added. Jerry Guilebbe has taken care of the contact information to get the names added to the monument. Because it is a monument, David can use Chapter 115 to pay for it.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza – David has not heard from Mike Collins about the sign or the walkway. Everything has been ordered. Chuck Clark would like a time estimate of when it will be available. David reached out to Mike Collins and he does not have a delivery date yet.

Flag Replaced – The flag over the Beverly National Bank has been replaced by Goldberg Properties.

Street Signs – Four Vietnam Veterans do not have street signs dedicated to them. Their names are Lance Corp. John Glasser, Capt. James Shotwell, Corp. Donald Contarino, and Sgt. Alfred Small. David discussed this with Mike Collins and the first thing that needs to be established is where the signs will be put. Per Paul Lantz, based one where they lived, he recommends the following locations: Small – Corner of Rantoul St. and Roundy St.; Glasser – Corner of McKay St. and Colgate Road; Contarino – Corner of High St. and Haskell St.; Shotwell – Corner of Hale St. and Valley St. The city will need to go through engineering and a motion needs to be brought to the city council. Mike Collins cannot order anything until the city council approves. Per Mike Collins their names are on plaques around the City. It may be that the families did not want streets dedicated to them. He will look into it and we will continue with the process and let it go to the city council.

Paul Weinberg made a motion for the veterans council to endorse seeking four named squares for service members who were killed in Vietnam. Motion was seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Veterans Day Program - 11/11/21 @ 11am. There is \$1000 in the account for Veterans Day for wreaths etc. Corey Paulette will order the wreaths. Vietnam Veterans Plaza will be the location.

Veterans Flag at City Hall – Jerry Guilebbe would like a Veterans Day flag to fly at City Hall for Veterans Day. According to Sgt Maj. Oswald, there is a Veterans Day flag that is white and red with a picture of a

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veteran kneeling on the flag. David Perinchief will use his flag budget to buy the flag. Sgt. Maj. Oswald will send a photo of the flag to David.

Upcoming Events – On Wednesday, Sept. 8 @ 8:30am, a Black Hawk helicopter will be landing at Beverly High School with two medal of honor recipients on it, Melvin Morris and Tom Norris. Melvin Morris is a Green Beret from Vietnam and Tom Norris is a Navy Seal from Vietnam. All veterans are welcome. The principal would like you to get there early to sign in on the log. She will have a section set aside for veterans to sit. You will need to sign out when you leave the building. Covid protocol will need to be followed. They will be doing two assemblies and then departing at 9:40am.

Sept. 17 is POW MIA Recognition Day. On Saturday, Sept. 18 @ 9:30am there will be the ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Plaza. The ceremony will take about 25 minutes. Sgt Maj Oswald will need a round table and five chairs. Ken McKay has a table and chairs that can be used. Bruce Doig can supply the sound system.

Saturday, Sept. 25, from 12pm – 4pm., GE Veterans Council in Swampscott is putting on a Veterans Center Bus Clinic for any veteran in the North Shore area. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, Nov. 13 @ 6:30pm, the Beverly High School ROTC will be putting on a Veterans Day ceremony in the field house. Dan Clark is going to be singing the patriotic songs. The guest speaker is the 76 CO of the U.S.S. Constitution. There will also be a POW ceremony and service medleys and honor all of the services.

Good of the Order –

Council terms are expiring for Paul Lantz and Corey Paulette. They will need reappointment letters.

Alexander Mock is an Army Infantry veteran, originally from Beverly. He got out in 2014 and did some contracting work. He would like councils support for his ruck march every Saturday @ 8am from Independence Park to Singing Beach, there and back. It is 14.8 miles in support of veterans.

Lt. Colonel Joanne Ruggeri, retired from the U.S. Airforce. She resides in Alaska and is originally from Beverly. Her husband is still in Alaska with her two labs. She wants to be involved while she is here. She has been deployed all over the world.

Nick Parianos is a Sergeant in the Marine Corps. He got out in 2017 and just did his undergrad from Salem State and is going for his Masters at Merrimac College. He is doing a work study with David Perinchief. He did the ROTC at Beverly High School last year.

Buddy Rehal would like to make a correction about the Vittori-Rocci Post. The building is still being sold. The roof has been repaired and soil test show that there was no oil leak. The sale has been cleared. The owner of 133 Brimbal Ave (the Dialysis Center) is fighting the sale. The AM Vets will be staying in the building for two years.

Adjournment – Chuck Clark made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried.