

Veterans Advisory Council

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Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023

Present: Chuck Clark, Cory Paulette, Buddy Rehal, Ron Genest, Paul Lantz, Bob Laws, Paul Weinberg, Jan Pierce, Susan Moran

Next meeting: March 23, 2023, 5pm, Beverly City Hall, 3rd Floor

1. **Call to Order** – Chuck Clark called the meeting to order at 5pm.
2. **Introduction of Guests** – no guests
3. **Reading and Approval of the Minutes** – Buddy Rehal made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded and carried.
4. **Financial Report** – The balance remains the same at \$13, 085.13.
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - **Dedications** – April 1st beginning at 8am.
 - 8:00am Shotwell at Hart and Valley St.
 - 8:45am Contarino at Haskell and High St.
 - 9:30am Glasser at McKay and Colgate Ave.
 - 10:45am Beverly Hospital (quick ceremony and wreath placement)
 - 11:15am Small at Roundy and Rantoul St.
 - 11:45am Vietnam Plaza
 - 12:00pm Collation at Spear Post, downstairs hall.

The estimated cost of the food is \$993.28. The food will be supplied by Super Sub and the City will be covering the cost. Two big wreaths are being ordered, one for downtown and one for the hospital. The cost is \$90 each. Four small wreaths will be ordered at \$30 each. They will be hung on the posts. Gordon's Florist in Ipswich is supplying the wreaths.

- **Bench in Honor of Jerry Guilebbe** – Kevin Gannon reached out to the West Beach Board for a potential bench in honor of Jerry, but he has not heard back.
- **Term Limits** - This has been put on hold until the next meeting.
- **Warrior Weekend Update** – The meeting at FEMA was well attended. The Coast Guard is going to land a helicopter in the back field because they are on-call. The VA and Endicott College will

be there. North Shore Veterans Counseling Services was invited, and we are waiting for their response. Cory Paulette suggested that North Shore Community College be involved. Horses Healing Hearts will be there but without the horses. Dick Cavanaugh was contacted, and he is making a list of different organizations that can be contacted. He will email the completed list to Cory.

6. New Business

- **Flag Box** – A flag box is needed for a 102-year-old veteran that was on the first U.S.S. Cole in 1943. It will be given to his sister. Buddy Rehal made a motion for the council to purchase the flag box. Motion was seconded and carried.
- **Swim Fundraiser** – Brian Williams did a fundraiser on Sunday, February 12th at West Beach. It brought in \$2,370.00 for DAV.
- **T-Shirts for Warrior Weekend** – T-shirts would be for the council and would say “Beverly Veterans Council” on the front and “Staff” on the back. This would help people to recognize us and ask questions. Creative Touch can make the shirts.
- **Game Night w/Veterans** – Boy Scout Troop 4 would like to have a game night with veterans. The tentative date is April 27th. Once there is a firm date, the scout leader will let Chuck know.
- **Social Media for Council** – Chuck Clark will as David Perinchief.
- **Council Page on the City Website** – The website needs to be updated. This is on hold until new members are appointed.

7. Announcements

- The new Independence Park sign is now up.
- A celebration of life for Nelson Dionne will be held on April 8th.
- Paul Weinberg announced his resignation from the veteran’s council effective end of day on February 24, 2023.

8. Adjournment – Cory Paulette made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried.