

Seekonk Veterans' Council		
5.10.2023	7:00pm	Senior Center Cafe
Meeting called by	Bill Curtis	
Type of meeting	Seekonk Veterans Council Meeting, Audio #045	
Chairman	Kevin Kugel	
Audio/Transcriber	James LaFlame	
Attendees	Committee Members: Bill Curtis (Vice Chair), Moises Moniz, Russell Pion, Adam Tumlinson, LaNon Neary & Joseph Raez Other: James LaFlame (VSO), Kathy Larrivee (Legion Aux) Absent: Kevin Kugel (excused)	
Meeting Minutes		
Discussion	Meeting minutes for April 12th, 2023 approved.	
Action Items	Send to Town Clerk and posted on town website	
Deadline	ASAP	
Agenda Topic		
	VSO Updates	

VSO/Chair Updates	
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. KIA banners will be ready by May 22nd or earlier. Jim will drive up to Sign Design in Brockton. The work order for their installation has been submitted. DPW will be renting a bucket truck because they never purchased one as once proposed.2. Jim looked into the procedures for submission of the VA letter for tax exemptions. The tax assessors require the letter sent out in June by the VA. You have to be eligible for the benefit on July 1st, so if your disability gets bumped up to 100% during the fiscal year, you can't get the increased exemption until the following fiscal year.3. Jim reported on an organization canvassing senior centers in Worcester County. <i>Access Vets Benefits</i> charges senior citizens to process Aid & Attendance packets that VSOs an National Service Officers process for free.

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Old Business	Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony/Luncheon
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bill passed out a list given to him by Kevin with a list of participants in each division for last year's parade.2. Kathy had a list of her own and she went through the order of march with everyone.3. Town Officials will be up front, behind the honor guard.4. The Grand Marshal, William Soule, will be in division one. Jim is having magnetic signs made for the parade. Bill will confirm that Mr. Soule will be riding with Rep. Howitt.5. Jim heard back from the State Police's Middleborough barracks. They plan on sending two cruisers.6. The Great American Band has been confirmed for a second straight year.7. Animal Control will be placed at the end of division one as they want to end early so they're available to respond to calls.8. The Seekonk High School band will be in division two and will peel off to provide music for the ceremony.9. Bristol County Fife and Drum will lead division three followed by the master gardeners.10. Adam reported that Epic Movie cars had confirmed their participation.

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Topic	Adjournment
<p>Motion made by LaNon to adjourn, seconded by Joe and voted unanimously</p>	