

Seekonk Veterans' Council		
8.29.2023	7:00pm	Senior Center Cafe
Meeting called by	Kevin Kugel	
Type of meeting	Seekonk Veterans Council Meeting, Audio #047	
Chairman	Kevin Kugel	
Audio/Transcriber	James LaFlame	
Attendees	Committee Members: Kevin Kugel (Chair), Bill Curtis (Vice Chair), Moises Moniz, Russell Pion, Adam Tumlinson & Joseph Raez Other: James LaFlame (VSO) Absent: LaNon Neary (excused)	
Meeting Minutes		
Discussion	Meeting minutes for May 24th, 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. Jim and Matt Bosh have started the groundwork for the 3rd Annual Seekonk Veteran’s Leaf Rake.2. The program had many more student volunteers last year, hoping to grow it more this year to clean up more yards. We had a couple of yards that were cancelled by the veteran prior to the event, which turned out to be a good thing because it would have been difficult to accommodate that number of yards.3. Jim thanked Joe for noticing the commonwealth flag at the memorial wasn’t connected at the bottom. The counter balance was broken and the retainer wire was missing. The replacement parts cost over \$180.4. Jim asked for council members to send him pictures from the last fiscal year for possible submission in the town’s Annual Report.5. Jim is again requesting Navy Band Northeast to perform for the Veterans Day Luncheon at the Seekonk Senior Center on Wednesday November 8th at 11:30am.

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Old Business	
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kevin started a discussion on the National Night Out held on August 1st at the Public Safety Complex.2. Veterans Council members were present in their council shirts.3. Kevin said parking was an issue. Jim suggested parking in either the Knights of Columbus or Senior Center parking lots.4. It was agreed upon that a table set up would be a good thing going forward. The event is growing as the attendance was much better than the previous year.5. The hometown hero banners are not back up yet. Jim will touch base with DPW to see when that will happen. They were supposed to get a bucket truck from the police department.6. Jim will check with Bill George regarding the five smaller sized KIA banners requested for the Seekonk Fire Museum.

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Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. A Memorial Day AAR was discussed by council members.8. Mo heard anecdotally about an issue with the cannons. They were stopping frequently to fire, causing large gaps in the parade which increased after every time they stopped.9. Possible solutions included radioing the lead elements of the parade to stop, requiring them to stop less and/or decrease the times for each stop. Joe suggested only stopping at the most attended parts of the parade.10. The lacrosse games at the SHS parking did make it a bit difficult to manage with many kids getting dropped off.11. Although our Grand Marshal was unable to attend, the car Steve Howitt was driving was fiberglass, so the magnetic signage wouldn't have worked. Tape was going to be used, but it became moot because of Mr. Soule's sudden hospitalization.12. Adam asked Jim if he had received a check from Katie's Cookies, which he had not to his recollection.13. The sound system at the ceremony may require additional speakers placed toward the back of the crowd.

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New Business	
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Council members that are available will support the 9-11 ceremony at the Public Safety Complex.2. Celebrate Seekonk is on September 30th, 11am-3pm. We'll only need two people there at any given time, taking shifts. Joe will be there all day.3. Veterans Day will continue with the same timeline; meet at Briarwood Plaza at 9am, form at 9:30am, roll at 10am and ceremony at 11am.4. Jim will request proclamations at all possible levels for William Soule's 100 birthday.5. Holiday Festival's setup day will be Sunday Dec 3rd and the tree lighting will take place on Saturday Dec 9th.6. Bill will have numbered bags of lights, we will put up the trees and run the extension cords, sponsors will string the lights.7. The tree supplier will give us 50 trees, but hasn't committed to a price yet.8. Bill said we'll need at least 4 additional light sets.
Topic	Adjournment
Motion made by Russ to adjourn, seconded by Adam and voted unanimously	