

Seekonk Veterans' Council		
9.21.2023	7:00pm	Senior Center Cafe
Meeting called by	Kevin Kugel	
Type of meeting	Seekonk Veterans Council Meeting, Audio #048	
Chairman	Kevin Kugel	
Audio/Transcriber	James LaFlame	
Attendees	Committee Members: Kevin Kugel (Chair), Moises Moniz, Russell Pion, Adam Tumlinson, LaNon Neary & Joseph Raez Other: James LaFlame (VSO) Absent: Bill Curtis (excused)	
Meeting Minutes		
Discussion	Meeting minutes for August 29th, 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"><li>1. The 2 KIA banners that had fallen were put back up by DPW. The Police Department didn't end up leasing a bucket truck, so DPW waited until there were other jobs in town because one day rentals are expensive. They plan on doing the same when it is time to take them down.</li><li>2. Jim, Bill and Joe all attended the 9-11 ceremony at the public safety complex. Unlike past years, the ceremony took place in the evening and indoors. Jim was asked by Chief Enos for either the VSO or council member to speak, to which Jim obliged.</li><li>3. Jim asked Joe Segal to interview Bill Soule for The Reporter. Mr. Soule's son will most likely be coming down from Maine to attend the Veteran Day events.</li><li>4. Navy Band Northeast's Woodwind Quintet has accepted the request to play for the Veterans Day luncheon at the senior center on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>5. Jim confirmed that he had not received a check from Katie's Kookies for Memorial Day. Adam contacted Katie and coordinated the check delivery.</li><li>6. Kevin was contacted by the TA's office regarding a council submission for the town's annual report. Jim has it covered, his report included Veterans Council events.</li></ol>

Agenda Topic	
Old Business	Veterans Day
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Jim submitted an article regarding the Veterans Day events for the senior center's Town Crier and The Reporter. (it also included information about the Veterans Leaf Rake and Holiday Festival)</li><li>2. Jim will create a Facebook event on his department's group page a couple of weeks prior to the event.</li><li>3. Jim sent out a group email to Congressman Auchincloss, Senator Pacheco, Rep. Howitt, Select Board Chair Healy, EOVS Director Makrinikolos, and MVSOA President George regarding citations for Bill Soule's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.</li><li>4. Joe is working on a citation for the council's citation. Jim can get a plaque made up once the citation is finished.</li><li>5. Joe, Kevin and Adam all have contacts at the Providence VA (including Executive Director McQuade), will look to get a citation done from the VA.</li><li>6. Mo suggested getting a WWII era jeep for Mr. Soule to ride in as the Grand Marshal. Jim will ask his contact at the military vehicle collector's club.</li></ol>

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Old Business	Veterans Day (continued)
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. LaNon asked about the possibility of having a cake made for the Veterans Day ceremony. Jim will have one made for the Veterans Day luncheon at the senior center.</li><li>8. Jim asked Margie Rieske if she could write a poem to commemorate Mr. Soule's birthday. She has a poem about a World War II veteran, called The Old Veteran, that she thinks might work well. She will send a copy for to determine if it will be appropriate.</li><li>9. Jim will email out invitations to all of the previous participants of the rolling parade.</li><li>10. Kevin confirmed the parade route will be the same as last year and provided hard copies of the maps from last year's parade.</li></ol>

Agenda Topic	
Old Business	Holiday Festival
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mo asked if we would have a Holiday Festival flyer done prior to Celebrate Seekonk. Joe confirmed Sharon Clark will design one again this year.</li><li>2. The trees will be picked up by Russ and Bill on Friday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, setup is Saturday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, decorating starts Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and tree lighting ceremony is on Saturday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>3. LaNon asked about the possibility of having Santa at the ceremony.</li><li>4. It was decided that the Veterans Council should select a winning tree (council member trees exempt).</li><li>5. Jim will be emailing previous year's sponsors to fill out this year's list (50 trees).</li><li>6. Kevin has Target and Walmart gift cards from last year to purchase light sets.</li><li>7. The council will again be give up their trees if someone is on the wait list and wants to sponsor a tree.</li></ol>
Topic	Adjournment
Motion made by Joe to adjourn, seconded by Russ and voted unanimously	