

MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2015

PRESENT: Paul J. Lloyd - Chairman (Veterans of Foreign Wars); Benjamin “Ben” Saxon (Disabled American Veterans); Robert “Bob” Blais (American Legion); Madeline Dreusicke (Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary); Raymond J. Goulet, Jr. (Vietnam Veterans of America); Richard L. Murphy (Marine Corps League); John Graham (Dept. Commander – American Legion); Davide T. Wiggin (Dept. Commander – Disabled American Veterans); and Lewis A. Chipola (Dept. Commander – Veterans of Foreign Wars). **Excused:** Margaret “Peggy” LaBrecque (Commandant). **Guests:** Bill Bertholdt (President – NHVH Resident Council); Armand Plourde (NHVH Director of Administrative Services), and Jessie Tustin, BSW, SFC (Ret), (NHVH Admissions Department).

***CALL TO ORDER:**

The Board of Managers Meeting of November 16, 2015, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Paul Lloyd, Chairman. Attendees present were led in a prayer by Madeline Dreusicke, Chaplain for the Board of Managers, and the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Lloyd.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2015**

The Minutes of the Board of Managers Meeting of October 19, 2015 were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Raymond Goulet, seconded by Robert Blais, to accept the Minutes. M/C.

***COMMUNICATIONS:**

There was no communication to the Board during the past month.

***CENSUS UPDATE:**

As of November 12, 2015, the Home has 196 admitted veterans. Tarr/Welch has 8 veterans approved in the candidate pool. LEDU has 20 veterans approved in the candidate pool. The Home has 89 active applicants.

***BUDGET UPDATE:**

Armand Plourde reviewed the FY16 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) Financial Summary of the New Hampshire Veterans Home as of October 31, 2015.

***CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT:**

Armand Plourde provided an update on the New Hampshire Veterans Home’s efforts to date concerning capital projects and operational highlights.

***PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**

LSR 16-2790.0 *An Act relative to health care associated infections*. This act would require the New Hampshire Veterans Home to report the number of staff inoculations. The New Hampshire Veterans Home currently tracks the number of healthcare personnel who are vaccinated for influenza. The Home would have no increase in costs due to this legislation. We already report resident infectious diseases to the Public Health Department under Chapter 141.

***COMMANDANT’S COMPENSATION:**

The Joint Committee on Employee Classification (RSA 14:14-c) voted on October 22, 2015 to approve the increase recommended by the HayGroup of the Commandant’s unclassified salary grade from GG to HH. The basis of the review: The position has not been reviewed since an increase of 100 beds in the Life Enhancement Dementia Unit (LEDU) and staff increase of up to 370 full-time employees. Motion was made by Madeline Dreusicke, seconded by Lewis Chipola, to approve this increase effective October 22, 2015. M/C.

***RESIDENT/STAFF MATTERS:**

Bill Bertholdt, NHVH Resident Council President, provided a Resident Activity Summary of the many trips and activities during the past month.

***BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

Chairman Lloyd announced that Sue Cuddy is interested in the female veteran position on the Board. Sue is a retired Navy Nurse and a member of the VFW. Paul will be submitting a letter to the Governor & Executive Council recommending her nomination to the Board.

Ben Saxon has reminded the DAV Auxiliary of their upcoming position on the Board in March to replace Madeline Dreusicke, VFW Auxiliary representative.

Commandant LaBrecque will follow up with the Governor's Office regarding the addition of two appointees, one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female, who shall be residents of the Veterans Home.

***BOARD BYLAWS:**

Paul Lloyd is still working on a Draft of proposed Bylaws for the Board of Managers for review and discussion.

***OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Board decided to hold the January and February 2016 Board Meetings the fourth Monday of the month (January 25 and February 22) due to holidays the third Monday in January and February.

***UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ~ *AL Post 79 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner* – November 22, 2015
- ~ *NHVH 125th Anniversary Celebration* – December 3, 2015 – 11:00 a.m. (NHVH Town Hall)
- ~ *Corvette Club Ice Cream Social* – December 5, 2015 – 2:30 p.m. (NHVH Town Hall)
- ~ *Pearl Harbor Remembrance* – December 7, 2015 – 2:00 p.m. (NHVH Town Hall)
- ~ *39th Army Band Concert* – December 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. (NHVH Town Hall)
- ~ *Elks Holiday Party with entertainment* – December 12, 2015 – 2:30 p.m.
- ~ *Veterans Joint Christmas Party* – December 13, 2015– 2:30 p.m.
- ~ *Bel Airs Holiday Show* – December 20, 2015 – 2:30 p.m. – (NHVH Town Hall)

***DETERMINATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

It was determined that the next Board of Managers Meeting will be held on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

***ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, motion was made by Raymond Goulet, seconded by Benjamin Saxon, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

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