

MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
JUNE 20, 2016

PRESENT: Paul J. Lloyd - Chairman (Veterans of Foreign Wars); Benjamin “Ben” Saxon (Disabled American Veterans); Robert “Bob” Blais (American Legion); Richard L. Murphy (Marine Corps League); Raymond J. Goulet, Jr. (Vietnam Veterans of America); Susan A. Cuddy (Veterans of Foreign Wars); Madeline Dreusicke (Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary); Jerilyn Maynard (Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary); Elaine Baker (Female Resident – Second Vice President, NHVH Resident Council); William Bertholdt (Male Resident – President, NHVH Resident Council); Thomas Wiley (Dept. Commander – American Legion); John Graham (Past Dept. Commander – American Legion); Lewis A. Chipola (Past Dept. Commander – Veterans of Foreign Wars), and Margaret “Peggy” LaBrecque (Commandant). **Excused:** Robert W. Guldner (Dept. Commander – Disabled American Veterans); Davide T. Wiggin (Past Dept. Commander – Disabled American Veterans), and Shannan Brown (Dept. Commander – Veterans of Foreign Wars). **Guests:** Armand Plourde (NHVH Director of Administrative Services) and Len Stuart (NHVH Program Information Officer).

***CALL TO ORDER:**

The June 20, 2016 Board of Managers Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Paul Lloyd, Chairman of the Board of Managers. Attendees present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Lloyd and prayer by Madeline Dreusicke, Chaplain for the Board of Managers. Richard Murphy volunteered to replace Madeline as Chaplain for the Board of Managers. A motion was made by Raymond Goulet, seconded by Paul Lloyd, to accept Richard as the new Chaplain for the Board. M/C.

***WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

Commandant LaBrecque welcomed new Board Members – Jerilyn Maynard, representing the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (term 3/1/2019); and Thomas Wiley (Department Commander – American Legion). Robert Guldner (Department Commander – Disabled American Veterans) and Shannan Brown (Department Commander – Veterans of Foreign Wars) were unable to attend today’s meeting.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 16, 2016:**

The Minutes of the Board of Managers Meeting of May 16, 2016 were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by, Robert Blais, seconded by Richard Murphy, to accept the Minutes. M/C.

***COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

***CENSUS UPDATE:**

As of June 15, 2016, the Home had 202 admitted veterans. Tarr/Welch has 13 veterans approved in the candidate pool. LEDU has 12 veterans approved in the candidate pool. The Home has 90 active applicants.

***BUDGET UPDATE:**

Commandant LaBrecque reviewed the FY16 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016) Financial Summary of the New Hampshire Veterans Home as of May 31, 2016.

At the June 15, 2016 Meeting, the Governor & Executive Council authorized to enter into a contract with Tilton Medical Associates, Tilton, NH, for the sole purpose of providing medical care to the residents of the New Hampshire Veterans Home, in the amount of \$584,400 - effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Upcoming contracts include Dr. Kana of Northeast Mobile Dental and Technical Gas/Oxygen.

***CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT:**

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

The Governor has scheduled public hearings on agency Capital Budget requests for the 2018 - 2019 biennium. The Capital Budget Hearing for the Veterans Home is scheduled for June 24, 2016 at 9:45 a.m. in the Legislative Office Building – Rooms 210-211. Commandant LaBrecque and Armand Plourde will present the Home's Capital Budget and answer any questions the Governor's Advisory Committee may have on our request. Board Members were invited to attend this hearing.

***RESIDENT/STAFF MATTERS:**

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

***BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

At the June 15, 2016 Meeting, the Governor & Executive Council confirmed to the New Hampshire Veterans Home Board of Managers: Jerilyn Maynard, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, succeeding Madeline Dreusicke, VFW Auxiliary, term March 1, 2019; and Reappointment of Richard L. Murphy, Marine Corps League, term June 10, 2019.

Outgoing Board Members – Madeline Dreusicke, John Graham, and Lewis Chipola – were recognized for their valuable service and commitment as members of the Board of Managers. They were presented with gifts from the Veterans Home family as a token of our gratitude. Davide Wiggin was unable to attend today's meeting but Jerilyn Maynard will deliver his gift.

***ADMINISTRATIVE RULES:**

At the meeting of May 16, 2016, the Board approved recommended changes to Ve-H 302.01 (a) as follows:

PART Ve-H 302 ELIGIBILITY FOR RESIDENCY

Ve-H 302.01 Residency Eligibility Requirements. An applicant shall be eligible for residency in the home if the applicant meets the following requirements:

~~(a) Ninety days of active military service during a time of war; veterans who have served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States as defined by 38 U.S.C. section 101, or in reserve units or in the New Hampshire army or air national guard~~

This wording was updated in RSA 119 but not in the Home's Administrative Rules. Small grammar changes will also be submitted.

Commandant LaBrecque will proceed with the process to change our Administrative Rules through the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) rulemaking process.

***OTHER BUSINESS:**

Robert Blais provided an update on the ES Riders donations for the electric golf cart for the Veterans Home. He stated that between \$10,000-\$11,000 was raised at the American Legion Convention. Donations are still being accepted at this time.

Commandant LaBrecque advised the Board of the recent audit findings at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

***UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ~ 39th Army Band Concert – July 4, 2016 – 11:00 a.m. – Town Hall
- ~ Summer Dance with entertainment by Denise Therrien – July 22, 2016 – 2:30 p.m. – Town Hall
- ~ Cruise Night – August 4, 2016 - 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - Pavilion
- ~ Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony – September 11, 2016 – 11:00 a.m. – Town Hall
- ~ Grandparents Day with Ice Cream Social – September 11, 2016 – 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. – Town Hall

The Veterans Home family will be participating in the upcoming Tilton-Northfield Old Home Day Parade this Saturday, June 25. Participants are requested to line up at the Union Sanborn School at 8:30 a.m. The parade starts at 10:00 a.m. This year's theme is **Lights, Camera, Action! A Night At The Movies**. The Home's theme will be based on the movie, Grease. We will be entering a float, vehicles, as well as individuals marching in the parade.

Len Stuart, NHVH Program Information Officer, announced that on Friday, August 19, 2016 at 2:30 p.m., Hans Hug of Exeter, a diver, sonar operator and owner of an aquatic search-and-recovery business, will present a program on "The Shipwrecks of Lake Winnepesaukee." Mr. Hug, who has extensive experience diving in the Big Lake, will illustrate his talk with photos and 3-D sonar images of what lies beneath the water. This event will be open to the public.

***DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next monthly Board of Managers Meeting will be held on **Monday, July 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**

***ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, motion was made by Robert Blais, seconded by Raymond Goulet, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

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