

MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2017

PRESENT: Paul J. Lloyd - Chairman (Veterans of Foreign Wars); Denise DeBlois (Disabled American Veterans); Robert "Bob" Blais (American Legion); Jerilyn Maynard (Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary); Richard L. Murphy (Marine Corps League); Raymond J. Goulet, Jr. (Vietnam Veterans of America); Elaine Baker (Female Resident – Second Vice President, NHVH Resident Council); William Bertholdt (Male Resident – President, NHVH Resident Council); Susan A. Cuddy (Veterans of Foreign Wars); Ernest A. Sulloway (Dept. Commander – Disabled American Veterans), and Margaret "Peggy" LaBrecque (Commandant). **EXCUSED:** David A. Meaney, Sr. (Dept. Commander – American Legion) and Joe Clark (Dept. Commander – Veterans of Foreign Wars).
GUESTS: Robert Guldner (Past Department Commander – DAV); Armand Plourde (NHVH Director of Administrative Services), and Len Stuart (NHVH Program Information Officer).

***CALL TO ORDER:**

The December 18, 2017 Board of Managers Meeting was called to order at 9:05 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 Richard Murphy, Chaplain for the Board of Managers.

***WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER:**

Chairman Lloyd welcomed new Board Member Denise DeBlois. Denise was confirmed at the Governor & Executive Council Meeting of November 22, 2017 to fill the vacant position on the New Hampshire Veterans Home Board of Managers representing the Disabled American Veterans – term to expire on March 1, 2020.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20, 2017:**

The Minutes of the Board of Managers Meeting of November 20, 2017 were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Raymond Goulet, Jr., 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 December 13, 2017, the Home has 201 admitted veterans. Tarr/Welch has 13 veterans approved in the candidate pool. LEDU has 10 veterans approved in the candidate pool. The Home has 70 active applicants.

***BUDGET UPDATE:**

Commandant LaBrecque reviewed the FY18 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018) Financial Summary of the New Hampshire Veterans Home as of November 30, 2017.

Armand Plourde updated the Board on the status of the CD's that are due for maturity. Armand recommended that the Home consider adjusting the amounts of the CD's and length of term due to the higher interest rate earned. Discussion ensued and motion was made by Raymond Goulet, Jr., seconded by Paul Lloyd, to continue CD's out to longer months and to adjust the amounts as presented. M/C.

***CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT:**

Armand Plourde provided an update on the New Hampshire Veterans Home's efforts to date concerning capital projects and operational highlights including: ▪ Town Hall Video System upgrade; ▪ LEDU Fire Wall Repairs; ▪ Security Infrastructure Improvements; ▪ Smoke Dampers; ▪ IT; and ▪ Hallway Carpeting Replacement. An update was also given on the #2 fuel oil tank and the fire extinguishers.

***HB 636, An Act establishing a Department of Military and Veterans Services:**

The draft amendment to HB 636, *An Act establishing a Department of Military and Veterans Services*, with proposed changes that have the New Hampshire Veterans Home administratively attached, was discussed. The Board is in opposition of this proposed change and will closely monitor the status of this Bill. The Board has reviewed the proposed New Hampshire State Office of Veterans Services change that would have the Office of Veterans Services reporting to the Adjutant General and agrees that it is a much better plan than HB 636. Each organization will be sending a letter in support of this alternate plan.

***RESIDENT/STAFF MATTERS:**

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

***ADMINISTRATIVE RULES:**

Commandant LaBrecque will proceed with the request to do the minimal changes to our Administrative Rules through the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR).

***2018 NEW HAMPSHIRE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST FORM – RSA 15-A:**

The annual Statement of Financial Interests forms pursuant to RSA 15-A are required to be filed in the Secretary of State's Office by January 19, 2018. Board Members were requested to complete the form in order to be submitted in a timely manner.

***BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

Denise DeBlois was confirmed at the Governor & Executive Council Meeting of November 22, 2017 to fill the vacant position on the New Hampshire Veterans Home Board of Managers representing the Disabled American Veterans – term to expire on March 1, 2020.

Paul Lloyd's term on the Board of Managers, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of New Hampshire, will expire on March 1, 2018. A letter will be submitted to the Governor & Executive Council by the VFW recommending Paul's reappointment to this position on the Board.

***OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Adjudicative Proceeding to be held by the Board of Managers - Pursuant to Ve-H 205 – Ve-H 216 - to discuss an appeal for admission: The Office of Public Guardian has requested an Adjudicative Proceeding be held by the Board of Managers - Pursuant to Ve-H 205 – Ve-H 216 - to discuss an appeal for admission to the New Hampshire Veterans Home. This hearing will take place at the January 22, 2018 Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

***UPCOMING EVENTS:**

~ *American Legion Auxiliary Post-Holiday Party* – January 6, 2018 – 2:30 p.m.

~ *Mardi Gras* – February 8, 2018 – 2:30 p.m.

~ *Valentine's Party* – February 14, 2018 - 2:30 p.m.

***DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next monthly Board of Managers Meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

***ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, motion was made by William Bertholdt, seconded by Raymond Goulet, Jr., to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.