

MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2018

PRESENT: Paul J. Lloyd - Chairman (Veterans of Foreign Wars); Denise DeBlois (Disabled American Veterans); Robert "Bob" Blais (American Legion); 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); David A. Meaney, Sr. (Dept. Commander – American Legion); Ernest A. Sulloway (Dept. Commander – Disabled American Veterans), and Margaret "Peggy" LaBrecque (Commandant). **CALL IN:** Jerilyn Maynard (Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary). **EXCUSED:** Richard L. Murphy (Marine Corps League) and Joe Clark (Dept. Commander – Veterans of Foreign Wars). **GUESTS:** Rachel Miller (Chief Deputy Treasurer, State of NH – Department of Treasury) and Melissa J. Henrick, MSW (National Certified Guardian, Office of Public Guardian).

***CALL TO ORDER:**

The January 22, 2018 Board of Managers Meeting was called to order at 9:02 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 Commandant LaBrecque.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2017:**

The Minutes of the Board of Managers Meeting of December 18, 2017 were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Raymond Goulet, Jr., seconded Robert Blais, to accept the Minutes. M/C

***COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

***CUSTODIAL FUND INVESTMENTS:**

Rachel Miller, Chief Deputy Treasurer, presented the Annual Performance Reviews for the Members' Administration and Benefit Fund Accounts for the period ending December 31, 2017.

***ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING – APPEAL FOR ADMISSION:**

Pursuant to Ve-H 205 – Ve-H 216, Melissa J. Henrick, MSW, National Certified Guardian, Office of Public Guardian and other interested parties were invited to attend today's meeting for members of the Board of Managers to review the appeal for an applicant's admission to the Veterans Home. Ms. Henrick attended the meeting on behalf of the applicant.

***CENSUS UPDATE:**

Eighteen residents were admitted to the New Hampshire Veterans Home during the quarter of October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. The average age of those residents admitted this quarter was 83.3 years. All of the residents admitted have multiple diagnoses. As of January 17, 2018, the Home has 198 admitted veterans. Tarr/Welch has 11 veterans approved in the candidate pool. LEDU has 11 veterans approved in the candidate pool. The Home has 69 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 December 31, 2017. The Federal Government shutdown has little impact on the Veterans Home. The programs at the Veterans Home are labeled as essential services, and as such, will continue. VA benefits and compensation may be delayed but will eventually be paid.

***ADMINISTRATION AND BENEFIT FUND ACCOUNTS REPORTS:**

- QUARTERLY REPORT (October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017): Commandant LaBrecque presented and explained the Administration and Benefit Fund Accounts Quarterly Report for the period of October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Motion was made by Raymond Goulet, Jr., seconded by Ernest Sulloway, to accept this report as presented. M/C.

- PROJECTED BUDGET (April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018): Commandant LaBrecque presented and explained the projected Benefit Fund Budget for the period of April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018. Motion was made by Bill Bertholdt, seconded by David Meaney, to accept this report as presented. M/C.

***CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT:**

Commandant LaBrecque 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.

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

The status of HB 636, *An Act establishing a Department of Military and Veterans Services* with Amendment, was discussed. This Bill has now been referred to the Executive Departments and Administration Committee and a Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 306 – Legislative Office Building. The Board is in opposition of HB 636 with Amendment and will closely monitor its status.

***RESIDENT/STAFF MATTERS:**

Bill 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).

***BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

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 has been submitted to the Governor & Executive Council by the VFW recommending Paul's reappointment to this position on the Board.

***OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commandant LaBrecque discussed the outbreak of respiratory illness in the facility and the community and the precautionary measures that the Veterans Home is taking based on recommendations from the Office of Public Health. Bill Bertholdt, Resident Council President, voiced concern that the Council had not been notified prior to the restrictions being put into place.

***UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ~ *A Modeling Life – January 24, 2018 – 10:30 a.m. – presentation of airplane models by Korean War veteran, Dick Zoerb*
- ~ *Mardi Gras – February 8, 2018 – 2:30 p.m.*
- ~ *Valentine's Party – February 14, 2018 - 2:30 p.m.*
- ~ *St. Patrick's Day Parade/Dance – March 16, 2018 - 2:00 p.m.*
- ~ *Easter Egg Hunt - March 24, 2018 - 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

***DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next monthly Board of Managers Meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Board Members Susan Cuddy, Denise DeBlois, and Ernest Sulloway will be excused from attending this meeting.

***ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Bill Bertholdt, seconded by Raymond Goulet, Jr., to adjourn the meeting. M/C. Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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