

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**  
**JULY 15, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Paul J. Lloyd - Chairman (Veterans of Foreign Wars); Robert “Bob” Blais (American Legion); Susan A. Cuddy (Veterans of Foreign Wars); Denise DeBlois (Disabled American Veterans); Raymond J. Goulet, Jr. (Vietnam Veterans of America); Carol Maynard (American Legion Auxiliary); Elaine Baker (Female Resident – Second Vice President, NHVH Resident Council); William Bertholdt (Male Resident – President, NHVH Resident Council); Oliver Brooks (Department Commander – American Legion); Christopher “Chris” Peirce (Department Commander – Veterans of Foreign Wars), and Margaret “Peggy” LaBrecque (Commandant).  
**EXCUSED:** Richard L. Murphy (Marine Corps League), and Andrew “Andy” Patterson (Department Commander – Disabled American Veterans).  
**GUESTS:** Jerilyn Maynard (Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary); Robert Guldner (Past Department Commander – Disabled American Veterans); Emil Ouellette (Past Department Commander – American Legion); Jason Belanger (Program Specialist IV, State of NH – Department of Treasury); Laura Barker, Chelsey Barker and puppy Haven (Hero Pups); Armand Plourde (NHVH Director of Administrative Services); and Len Stuart (NHVH Program Information Officer).

**\*CALL TO ORDER:**

The July 15, 2019 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 prayer by Robert Blais and Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Lloyd.

**\*WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER:**

Chairman Lloyd welcomed new Board Member Oliver Brooks (Department Commander – American Legion).

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 17, 2019:**

The Minutes of the Board of Managers Meeting of June 17, 2019 were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Raymond Goulet, Jr., seconded by Denise DeBlois, to accept the Minutes of the June 17, 2019 Meeting. M/C.

**\*COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

**\*CUSTODIAL FUND INVESTMENTS:**

Jason Belanger – Department of Treasury presented the Performance Reviews for the Members’ Administration and Benefit Fund Accounts for the period ending June 30, 2019.

**\*CENSUS UPDATE:**

There were 17 residents admitted to the New Hampshire Veterans Home during the quarter of April 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019. The average age of those admitted is 85.2 years old. All of the residents have several diagnoses.

As of July 10, 2019, the Home has 171 admitted veterans. Tarr/Welch has 24 veterans approved in the candidate pool. LEDU has 9 veterans approved in the candidate pool. The Home has 83 active applicants.

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

**- QUARTERLY REPORT (April 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019):** Armand Plourde presented and explained the Administration and Benefit Fund Accounts Quarterly Report for the period of April 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019. Motion was made by Robert Blais, seconded by Denise DeBlois, to accept this report as presented. M/C.

**- YEAR-END REPORT (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019):** Armand Plourde presented and explained the Administration and Benefit Fund Accounts Year-End Report for the period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Motion was made by Raymond Goulet, Jr., seconded by Robert Blais, to accept this report as presented. M/C.

**- PROJECTED BUDGET (October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019):** Armand Plourde presented and explained the projected Benefit Fund Budget for the period of October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. Motion was made by Raymond Goulet, Jr., seconded by William Bertholdt, to accept this report as presented. M/C.

**\*BUDGET UPDATE:**

Commandant LaBrecque reviewed the FY19 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019) Financial Summaries of the New Hampshire Veterans Home as of June 30, 2019.

The budget is in continuing resolution which means that we are operating on last year's budget. This doesn't affect resident care. The Union contract is in "evergreen" status which means we are operating on the last contract until a new one is ratified by the union body.

**\*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: ▪ VA Equipment Upgrade Project - \$1,650,000; ▪ Security upgrade project - \$795k; and ▪ Backup Generator panel wiring & Wanderguard.

**\*RESIDENT/STAFF MATTERS:**

A Resident Activity Summary of the many trips and activities during the period of 6/17/19 – 7/15/19 was reviewed.

The New Hampshire Veterans Home received a generous donation of \$300,000.00 to the Resident Benefit Fund on July 9, 2019 from the Eva M. Montembeault Revocable Trust, as an interim distribution of the share of the Trust to which the New Hampshire Veterans Home is entitled. We are very honored and grateful to be a beneficiary of this trust.

Correspondence has been received – dated July 3, 2019 - from the NH Circuit Court - 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit – Probate Division – Keene notifying that the New Hampshire Veterans Home Resident Benefit Fund has been named as a beneficiary in the estate of Harry Pulkinen. We have registered as instructed with the court to receive electronic communications and will be notified when our documents have been processed by the Court.

**\*BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

Richard L. Murphy's term - representing the Marine Corps League – expired on June 10, 2019. This matter will be followed up on by Commandant LaBrecque.

**\*OTHER BUSINESS:**

Emil Ouellette introduced Laura Barker, Chelsey Barker and puppy Haven from Hero Pups, which places pups with veterans and first responders. Their focus is on those who are dealing with post-traumatic stress (PTSD), anxiety and service-connected challenges. By using shelter and rescue pups whenever possible, they are able to help relieve the symptoms while helping a rescue pup in the process. Hero Pups was Emil Ouellette's special project while Department Commander.

Commandant LaBrecque will be attending the Summer Conference of the National Association of State Veterans Homes being held in Denver, Colorado – August 5-9, 2019.

Alice Leeming, NHVH Human Resources Director, will be providing an in-service to Board Members on the State of New Hampshire's Policy on Sexual Harassment at next month's Board Meeting.

Token gifts were presented to outgoing Board Members: Jerilyn Maynard, Robert Guldner, and Emil Ouellette in gratitude for all that they have done for the residents of the Home during their tenure on the Board. William "Bill" Ryan, Past Department Commander – Veterans of Foreign Wars, was unable to attend today's meeting but his gifts will be delivered to him by Chairman Lloyd.

**\*UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ~ *Summer Dance with entertainment by Gardner Berry* – Luau Theme – July 17, 2019 – 2:30 p.m.
- ~ *NH DAR Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Ceremony* – July 22, 2019 – 10:30 a.m. – Town Hall
- ~ *Annual Classic Cruise Night* – August 1, 2019 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Pavilion
- ~ *V-J Day Commemoration* – August 14, 2019 – 11:00 a.m. – Town Hall

**\*DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next monthly Board of Managers Meeting will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**\*ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Raymond Goulet, Jr., seconded by Robert Blais, to adjourn the meeting. M/C. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m., followed by a group picture at the Pond.

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