

Framingham Veterans Council
Meeting Minutes
Jan. 22, 2020

Held at the Framingham Memorial Building
In Conference room 2

Attended by Veterans Council members Eric Finn,
Nicholas Paganella, Richard Constant, Jerry Blanchette,
Jennifer Corey Alan Beauchamp, VSO Craig Sullivan,
FSU Vet. Reps. Leanna Lynch,
1 Members were Absent.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:16 pm
2. Introduction of Council Members.
3. VSO reported that 10 families will receive the Medal of Liberty for next year's Memorial Day at present. Sixty Veterans are on chapter 115 for the coming year at this time.
4. FSU report, Leanna told us of an open house planned for the last week in Feb. at the Veterans Student center. Leanna asked Craig about Flags being placed at cemeteries before Memorial Day. Craig answered that they are usually done 2 weeks prior by volunteers and if Veteran students would like to help let him know. An Honor Cord Ceremony for Veteran Students will be held on May 8th 2020.
5. Purple Heart City discussion tabled.
6. Counsel member Nick Paganella made a presentation on an event for the 75TH anniversary of the ending of WW II to be held in the City on 9/27/20. After he asked the Veterans Counsel to sponsor this event, which we voted 6 to 0 to accept sponsorship of this event. An e-mail will be sent to the Mayor's office about the Counsels sponsorship. Nick asked Craig if his office could pay for a flower wreath to be placed at the Memorial at Cushing on the 9/27/20 event. Craig didn't see a problem covering that cost for the event.
7. Approval of previous meetings minutes 6 to 0

- 8.** A copy of the City budget was brought to the meeting and questions were asked of Craig to elaborate more on the VSO budget. Craig would not give a more detailed accounting so a spirited discussion by members ensued. Jerry told the Counsel that The Elks is going to setup a Missing man ceremonial table and what our opinion was on the various choices to the setup. All the members gave their choices to help Jerry make his decision for the table setup. Jerry asked Craig if his office is involved in proper posting of The Colors at City sponsored events. Craig was not involved but would look into it going forward if he is made aware. Alan informed the Counsel he attended and spoke at Senate commission meeting at the Statehouse on Food Pantry and nutrition budget increasing needs.
- 9.** Next Council meeting 2/26/20 at 5:15 pm at the Memorial Building.
- 10.** Meeting adjourned at 6:12pm 6 to 0 vote

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