

Title: Veteran's Services Advisory Board

17 October, 2019



From: Veteran's Agent

Subject: Meeting Minutes

1. The fifty-eighth meeting of the Veteran's Services Advisory Board (VSAB) was called to order at 6:00 p.m., 17 October 2019, in the Selectmen's office.

2. Members in attendance were:

Mr. Ray Janke

Ms. Jan Jourdain

Mr. Bill Bowen

Mr. Michael Edreich

Members Absent were:

Mr. Larry Raines

Mr. Joe Currier

Selectman Ed Boscher

Mr. Vincent Viglione

Mr. Robert Vigneault

Mr. Bill McClure

3. Old Business:

- a. Mr. Janke and the committee reviewed the program and planning for the upcoming November 2019 Veteran's Day activities in town. Some corrections were made to the documents presented. A chaplain was found: Pastor Joy Toll-Chandler. The guest speaker will be Major Mandy Ritter, Westover Air Reserve Base representative. **(CLOSED)**
- b. The committee's September 19th, 2019 meeting discussed at length the justification and authority for Belchertown to keep in place our present system of a full time veterans agent and we also reviewed M.G.L.115 with respect to authorizing the towns' Veteran's Service Agent position. A point paper with our comments was given to the Town Administrator and Select-board for review for their meeting on 30 September 30th, 2019. At their meeting the Select-board voted 5 – 0 to stay with a dedicated veterans agent. **(CLOSED)**

4. **New Business:** None

5. **Public Input/Concerns/Comments:** None

6. Good of the VSAB:

- a. Military retiree, VA, and Social Security CPI pay raise for 2020

7. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. All documents that were provided during the meeting will be attached to the original minutes on file in the Town Clerk's office. Due to Mr. Janke's pending November 2019 retirement, the date of the next VSAB is to be announced.

Vincent Viglione

VSAB Recording Secretary

Approved: Ray Janke

Ray Janke
Veteran's Service Agent
Co-Chairperson

Cc: Town Clerk; Town Administrator; Board of Selectman; Committee members