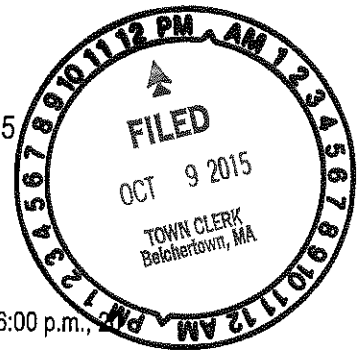


Title: Veteran's Services Advisory Board

20 Aug 2015



From: Veteran's Agent

Subject: Meeting Minutes – 20 August 2015

1. The thirty-ninth meeting of the Veteran's Services Advisory Board (VSAB) was called to order at 6:00 p.m., August 2015, in the VSA office area.

2. Members in attendance were:

Mr. Ray Janke	Mr. Bill Bowen
Mr. Vincent Viglione	Mr. Bill McClure
Mr. Larry Raines	Selectman Archie Archible

Members Absent were:

Mr. Gerry Desilets	Mr. Michael Ross
Mr. Edward Dice	Ms. Jan Jourdain

3. Old Business:

- a. Mr. Janke and the committee reviewed this past Memorial Day's event. (CLOSED)
- b. Mr. Viglione re-capped the Lake Vale Cemetery DAR event. (CLOSED)

4. New Business:

- a. Mr. Janke, with the VSAB committee's endorsement, will forward a letter of support to the Select Board for the Military Order of the Purple Heart to designate Belchertown as a Purple Heart community. (OPEN)
- b. Mr. Janke, with the VSAB Committee's endorsement, will forward a letter of support to the Select Board, in support of the National Guard and Reserve employer's organization request to have Belchertown sign a statement of support for the ESGR. (OPEN).
- c. Mr. Janke and the committee reviewed a letter expressing our thoughts on the Town Fair Committee's parade protocol request. (CLOSED)
- d. Mr. Viglione, "The VSAB recognizes the passing of Mike Czech, American Legion Commander and loyal member of this committee." A moment of silence was observed.

5. Public Input/Concerns/Comments:

- a. None.

6. Good of the VSAB:

- a. Mr. Janke briefed on the timeframe and residency criteria for eligibility to file VA claims.

7. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 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. The next meeting will be held at the call of the chairperson.

Vincent Viglione
VSAB Recording Secretary

Approved

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Janke".

Ray Janke
Veteran's Service Agent
Co-Chairperson

Cc: Town Clerk
Town Administrator
Board of Selectman
Committee members