

THE EASTERN HAMPDEN COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Thursday, June 2, 2022

Members Present: Mary McNally; Michael Valanzola

Member Absent/Excused: Chairman Richard "Rick" Green

Others Present: Michelle Barrett, VSO; Pamela Leduc, District Coordinator

Ms. McNally called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

"Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so by following the Zoom instructions below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of East Longmeadow, Town of Hampden and Town of Wales municipal websites an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting."

NEW BUSINESS

Status of the VSO position: VSO Barrett discussed the reason(s) for her resignation. Ms. McNally requested and VSO Barrett agreed to remain in the position in a limited capacity until the district appoints a replacement.

Motion by Mr. Valanzola; seconded by Ms. McNally; to conditionally accept Ms. Barrett's resignation effective as of a date to be determined and post the Veterans' Service Officer position immediately. Mr. Valanzola – yes; Ms. McNally – yes.

Position to be posted on district's member towns' websites and in local newspapers.

Ms. Barrett's priorities shall be the processing of monthly Chapter 115 benefit payments and the filings for state reimbursement of the same. Outreach and other duties shall be secondary to the Chapter 115 process.

Ms. McNally expressed her budget related concerns. Salary of successor to be determined. Ms. Leduc to provide updated budget estimates.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. McNally; seconded by Mr. Valanzola; to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 pm. Ms. McNally – yes; Chairman Green – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Leduc

District Coordinator