

**THE EASTERN HAMPDEN COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING**  
**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 5, 2023**

Members Present: Chairman Michael Valanzola; Mary McNally; Ken Geromini

*Others Present: Felix Tranghese, East Longmeadow resident and VSO applicant; Pamela Leduc, District Coordinator*

Chairman Valanzola called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

"Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, 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."

**OLD BUSINESS**

Veterans' Service Officer position discussion: Chairman Valanzola advised the board that his follow up meeting with Mr. Scobie was positive and he expressed his accord with the other board members if Mr. Scobie remained their choice to fill the position. Mr. Geromini mentioned that Mr. Scobie was his preferred candidate immediately following the first round of interviews.

***Motion by Mr. Geromini; seconded by Ms. McNally; to appoint John Scobie to the position of Veterans' Service Officer contingent upon the satisfactory result of reference and CORI checks. Ms. McNally – yes; Mr. Geromini – yes; Chairman Valanzola – yes.***

Chairman Valanzola instructed Ms. Leduc to forward the offer of employment to Mr. Scobie today. Employment terms as previously established in addition to the following:

"In the event the VSO voluntarily resigns his position with the District, the VSO shall give the District ninety (90) days written notice unless the parties otherwise agree."

Chairman Valanzola volunteered to contact the unsuccessful candidates.

Chairman Valanzola recognized Mr. Tranghese and thanked him for his interest in the position.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board determined there was no need to enter executive session for the purpose as set forth on the meeting agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Leduc confirmed that she was granted access to OnBase on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion by Mr. Geromini; seconded by Ms. McNally; to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 am. Ms. McNally – yes; Mr. Geromini – yes; Chairman Valanzola – yes.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela A. Leduc*

District Coordinator