

THE EASTERN HAMPDEN COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Thursday, June 30, 2022

Members Present: Chairman Richard "Rick" Green; Mary McNally

Member Absent/Excused: Michael Valanzola

Others Present: Michelle Barrett, VSO; Rodney "Rod" Kincaid, District Treasurer; Pamela Leduc, District Coordinator

Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

"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

Vote to approve the March 24, 2022 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: Action postponed.

Vote to approve the May 10, 2022 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ms. McNally; seconded by Chairman Green; to approve the May 10, 2022 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. Ms. McNally – yes; Chairman Green – yes.

Vote to approve the June 2, 2022 Regular Session Meeting Minutes: Chairman Green was absent/excused but Ms. McNally was in attendance and deemed the minutes acceptable.

Motion by Ms. McNally; seconded by Chairman Green; to approve the June 2, 2022 Regular Session Meeting Minutes. Ms. McNally – yes; Chairman Green – yes.

Review and vote to approve payroll through June 30, 2022

Motion by Ms. McNally; seconded by Chairman Green; to approve the warrant through May 31, 2022 as submitted by the District Treasurer. Ms. McNally – yes; Chairman Green – yes.

Review and vote to approve accounts payable through June 30, 2022

Motion by Ms. McNally; seconded by Chairman Green; to approve the warrant through May 31, 2022 as submitted by the District Treasurer. Ms. McNally – yes; Chairman Green – yes.

Review resumes received to date in response to the ongoing recruitment efforts to replace the current Veterans' Service Officer: Two (2) resumes have been received to date. Both candidates meet the minimum criteria as a veteran pursuant to M.G.L. c. 4, § 7.

Ms. Leduc will schedule in person interviews for July 12, 2022 at 9:30 am in East Longmeadow. Specific location to be determined.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Green advised that the board previously approved a payment in the amount of \$621.00 to the interim district treasurer for services rendered. There is no record of a vote by the board. Chairman Green requests a vote to authorize payment to the interim district treasurer. Mr. Kincaid recommends payment to the interim district treasurer as a vendor and only after receipt of an invoice. Chairman Green agrees to obtain an invoice and a Form W-9, after which a vote to approve will be considered by the board.

Mr. Kincaid inquired about the status of the potential for a retroactive reimbursement to the Town of Monson for the payment of benefits for former employees of the district. Board members had agreed to consult KP Law once Chairman Green has compiled all the facts related to this issue. Chairman Green to follow up with Monson's treasurer.

After brief discussion, VSO Barrett agreed to honor the sixty (60) days notice requirement in her employment agreement with the district.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. McNally; seconded by Chairman Green; to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 pm. Ms. McNally – yes; Chairman Green – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela A. Leduc
District Coordinator