

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 15, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M.

American Legion Hall

In attendance: K. Burke, T. DeRing, R. Farrington-Chairman, D. Hutchings, R. Walton (alternate),
W. Willinsky

Absent: R. Murphy, J. Sterry

Others: S. Bransfield, First Selectwoman

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:33 by Chairman Farrington
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** followed.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – approved
4. **ACCEPT AGENDA** – approved
5. **SECRETARY’S REPORT** – K Burke acting as temporary secretary; hand delivered a thank you note to the Barber Shop on Route 66.
6. **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT** - no report
7. **VETERANS BENEFITS AND INFORMATION OFFICER** – DeRing
 - We have received 12 applications for Vets Plaques at this time; the Town Hall will keep a copy, and DeRing will maintain the originals; the first 120 names will be listed alphabetically
 - The National Guard accepts cell phones, refurbishes them, and distributes them to a cause associated with active duty personnel or veterans
8. **VETERANS COMMISSION ADVISOR’S REPORT** - Willinsky
 - One woman contacted Bill questioning why the Vets Plaques will be inside the Town Hall; she does not see that location as always available. However, the Town Hall is open on Tuesday nights and the Plaques will be located there.
 - This Wednesday, December 17, 2008, there will be a ceremony at the BOS meeting to honor Sean Bourbeau. From now on, Veterans Affairs Commission members will have their branch of service listed after their names, on proclamations.

- Patti LaMalfa contacted Bill to have her CCD class send a package to a service man or woman deployed at this time; Bill gave her Mark Johnson's name.
- James O'Rourke has been personally purchasing the large frames in which proclamations are presented; the Vets Affairs Commission will now purchase them. Mr. O'Rourke has been elected as the Deputy Speaker of the House

9. **OLD BUSINESS** – none

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

This Commission will gather materials and send packages to the troops in the spring

11. **GENERAL DISCUSSION / PUBLIC COMMENT** – no discussion

Adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen G. Burke – Interim Secretary