

VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 9/9/20

Date: 9/9/20 **Time:** 5:30 PM

1.Meeting Opening: The Vice Chair called the Virtual Zoom Meeting to order at 5:30 and led the membership in the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence for departed brothers and sister in arms

2. Roll Call Clerk: Answering present were Andeth Van, Brian Gorman, Wally J. O' Neil Jr, and James J. Gaffney III. The Veterans Service officer was in attendance and Roland Cartier joined the meeting in progress. The clerk noted the presence of a quorum

3. Approval of Minutes– Upon Motion made by Andeth Vann, seconded by James Gaffney, the minutes from the August 5th meeting were approved.

4. Old Business

a. Suicide Prevention. The Clerk reported that LTC would run Veteran Crisis Line message and contact info during Suicide Prevention Month (September). Vice Chair reported a Veteran Face Book suicide and urged everyone to be aware of vulnerable veterans and to provide mutual support

b. New VOM Ceremony Dors Musgray – Andeth Vann advised that ceremony on hold pending Covid situation permitting appropriated ceremony with attendance/

5. New Business

a. VOM eligibility – Clerk clarified eligibility as passed om 10/10/18 meeting. Eligible Veteran deserved *to be recognized for service to our country and contribution to the Lowell community but need not be a Lowell resident*

b. Collateral Update – Stationary Certificates etc.- updates See Owl Stamp quotes attached. Follow up sent to City Manager

c. Participation: vice Chair emphasized that contribution/participation of all members encouraged.

6. VSO Update

VSO noted continued distribution of food boxes and outreach. Concern about possible impact of provider relocation. He also discussed his attendance at the care Courses. Several members joined in discussion of Care course content, eligibility, and application process.

7. Info

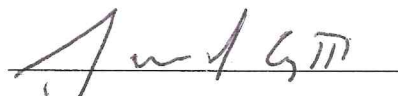
Informal Veteran Gatherings:

Tuesdays 10:00 AM Boulevard Across from Heritage

Fridays 9:30 – 11:00 Billerica Harley Davidson VA Reps

8. Adjourn: Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn

Signed this *22nd* Day of October 2020 as a True Record of Proceedings of the City of Lowell Veterans Commission


James J Gaffney III Clerk