

**MINUTES-VETERANS COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 19, 2010**

A meeting was held in the Mattapoisett Conference room to discuss the new appointments for 2010 and FY2011 Budgets.

Due to the resignation of Wilfred Boutin, Chairman of the Veteran's Council, Ray Andrews, Mattapoisett's Representative, requested that the meeting be called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Paul Magee, Clerk {Member at Large}  
Raymond Andrews {Mattapoisett's Representative}  
Bradford Morse, {Rochester Board of Selectmen}  
Michael Gagne, {Town Administrator for Mattapoisett}  
Richard LaCamera, {Town Administrator for Rochester}  
Barry Denham, {Veterans Agent}  
Paula Butterfield, {Veterans Clerk}

A motion was made and seconded to appoint the following Officers and Board Members for 2010:

Chairman of the Council/Mattapoisett's Rep-*Raymond H. Andrews*  
Clerk of the Council/Member at Large-*Paul Magee*  
Rochester's Representative-*Bradford Morse*

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the Veteran's Council meeting that was held on November 10, 2009 with corrections noted by Town Administrator Mike Gagne in reference to Mattapoisett's Ordinary benefits "increased from \$28,000.00 to \$57,000.00."

Discussion followed in reference to the FY2011 Budgets. The Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committee at this time have not finalized the budgets and are waiting to hear from the State in reference to budget cuts to determine salaries and expenses. Ray noted that the Veterans Council met with the Rochester Board of Selectmen to discuss increasing the Veterans Agent's salary from \$1,000 to \$2,500, and this matter is now in the hands of the Rochester Board of Selectmen. Paula will recalculate and e-mail to the board members an amended budget for Rochester's Ordinary benefit/ insurance lines since one of the widows receiving benefits passed away recently. Barry spoke regarding a temporary maintenance job for the month of February in the Highway Department for one of the Rochester veterans receiving benefits under Chapter 115. Richard LaCamera suggested that before proceeding the Town of Mattapoisett should contact the Employment Office to determine whether or not this would qualify the veteran to receive Employment benefits. Michael Gagne will look into the matter and notify the Veterans Office on how to proceed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Paul Magee reported on the resignation of Wilfred Boutin from the board. Wilfred felt that he was “out of the loop” since he does not use e-mail and recommended that Rochester appoint someone that was more involved in the town’s government. Wilfred will remain as the Burial/Cemetery coordinator for the Town of Rochester. Paula will send a card thanking him for his service to the Veterans Council. The Mattapoisett and Rochester Boards of Selectmen will also send a letter of appreciation for his service to the Veterans Council.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Barry and Paula will attend the mandatory training will be held on February 22-25th in Marlboro. The agenda will include accuracy of reimbursement of benefits to the towns along with additional training on the VSMIS web based system.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 A.M.