



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022 – 5:15 PM
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM
FIRST FLOOR, TOWN HALL**

DRAFT AGENDA

- A. Call to Order – Chair Kiser**
- B. Roll Call – Chair Kiser**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Mel Schwartzstein**
- D. Approval of draft agenda – Chair Kiser**
- E. Approval of minutes – Chair Kiser**
 - October 27, 2022
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided, and comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.**
 - Town of Abingdon residents
 - Other public comments (e.g. organizations)
- G. NEW BUSINESS**
- H. OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. Updates from standing committees
- I. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHAIR**
- J. MEMBER REPORTS**
- K. NEXT MEETING – Chair Kiser**
- L. ADJOURNMENT**

**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 – 5:15 pm
ARTHUR CAMPBELL ROOM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The regular meeting of the Veterans Advisory Board was held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5:15 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room of the Municipal Building.

A. Call to Order – *Chair Kiser*

B. Roll Call

Members Present:

Amanda Pillion (came in late)
Lynn Bennett
Kyle Craig
Francine Ivery
Richard “Dickie” Kiser
Albert T. Lawson, Jr. (came in late)
Mel Schwartzstein

Members Absent:

Gary Bailey
Tim Estes

Town Staff:

Kim Kingsley

C. Pledge of Allegiance –

D. Approval of draft agenda

Upon motion by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Schwartzstein, approved the agenda as presented.

Amanda Pillion	Absent
Gary Bailey	Absent
Lynn Bennett	Aye
Kyle Craig	Aye
Tim Estes	Absent
Francine Ivery	Aye
Richard “Dickie” Kiser	Aye
Albert T. Lawson, Jr.	Absent
Mel Schwartzstein	Aye

E. Approval of minutes

Upon motion by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Schwartzstein, amended the minutes to reflect Kyle Craig led the pledge, and approved as amended.

Amanda Pillion	Absent
Gary Bailey	Absent
Lynn Bennett	Aye
Kyle Craig	Aye
Tim Estes	Absent
Francine Ivery	Aye
Richard “Dickie” Kiser	Aye
Albert T. Lawson, Jr.	Absent
Mel Schwartzstein	Aye

Ms. Bennett requested the minutes should reflect also that the regular meeting be scheduled for the third-Thursday of every month.

F. Public Comments – None

G. New Business

Ms. Bennett requested that the regular meeting be held on the third Thursday of every month at 5:15 pm in the Arthur Campbell Room. She suggested that the next meeting be on December 15, 2022. The meetings will be posted in one notice.

5:21 – Mrs. Pillion arrived for meeting.

Mr. Kiser discussed the November 11th Veterans Day event. Mrs. Pillion discussed a land grant with Virginia Tech that protected the “sled hill” at Veterans Park. Mr. Schwartzstein discussed the Veterans Memorial Park Foundation’s onsite plan, revealed approximately five years ago. Discussion ensued about other matters relating to the Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Cochran requested that this matter be added to next month’s agenda for further discussion. Mrs. Pillion suggested a family-engaging Memorial Day event.

H. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Bennett conveyed the National Guard vehicles are available for the Christmas parade, and she has items to complete decorations. She asked that everyone meet at Farris Funeral Home around 4:00 pm and wear Santa or Elf hats.

Mr. Craig conveyed that probably three or more members may be present at the December 2, 2022 Support Service Members and Family meeting and requested a notice be posted. Mr. Craig reminded members regarding the Celebrity Bagging event and to wear their shirts and nametags.

Mrs. Pillion said the Tourism office has arranged for the Christmas parade to be live-streamed also.

5:55 A T Lawson joined the meeting.

I. Miscellaneous Business and Communications from Chair

Chair Kiser asked that notice of meetings be posted.

J. Members Reports

Chair Kiser stated that he would like to communicate with Mr. Yeary. Ms. Bennett added that a Memorial Day event might be an excellent way.

K. Schedule next meeting – Thursday, December 15, 2022

Upon motion by Ms. Bennett, seconded by Chair Kiser, the meeting was adjourned.

Amanda Pillion	Aye
Gary Bailey	Absent
Lynn Bennett	Aye
Kyle Craig	Aye
Tim Estes	Absent
Francine Ivery	Aye
Richard “Dickie” Kiser	Aye
Albert T. Lawson, Jr.	Aye
Mel Schwartzstein	Aye

Richard Kiser, Chair

Kim Kingsley, Clerk

Approved: _____