



City of Methuen, Massachusetts Veterans Affairs Committee

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AGENDA VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Thursday October 27, 2022 - 7:00pm

City Hall, 41 Pleasant St. Methuen, MA *Great Hall, 3rd Floor* and remotely via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - o 2/17/2022, 3/30/2022, 7/26/2022
4. PRESENTATIONS
 - o Committee Membership - Welcome to new members
 - o New Methuen location Veterans food pantry, 90 Broadway St - Kelly Frazier, Founder, International Veterans Care Services, Inc (ICVS)
 - o Debrief: "The Wall That Heals" - Dir. Paul Jensen, Veterans Services
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - o Update: VFW/American Legion funding, Methuen Veteran Memorials, Goals and Objectives 2022-2023
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - o Proposal: Trash program veteran benefits - Clr. Finocchiaro
 - o Discussion: Programs for veterans to sign up for utility and related assistance, as rates are expected to sharply increase
 - o Discussion: Veteran resources through holiday season - Clr. Faretra
7. UPDATES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNITY RESOURCES, EVENTS
 - o Student Scholarship Outreach - Dave O'Neil, VFW Post 8349
 - o Veterans events in November and December 2022 11/11/22: Parade starts 10am on Broadway, to Ceremony at Walnut Grove Cemetery (American Legion Post 122), then 12pm noon Ceremony VFW Post 8349 at Elmwood Cemetery
8. NEXT MEETING: AGENDA ITEMS & DATE/TIME/LOCATION
9. ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Finocchiaro, City Councilor

Chair, Veterans Affairs Committee

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Veterans Affairs Committee Homepage:

<https://www.cityofmethuen.net/city-council/pages/committee-veterans-affairs>

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WRITTEN (VIA EMAIL): You may also submit public participation by contacting a City Councilor who is a member of the committee, City Council Clerk Linda Gagnon at lmagnon@ci.methuen.ma.us or reaching out to the Chair at jfinocchiaro@ci.methuen.ma.us.

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