

**Board of Trustees
11 April 2018
A. Luke Crispe Room
1000 hours**

Present:

Colonel Joseph Krawczyk, President
Michael Klopchin, Secretary
Kent Butterfield
Arthur Charron

Andrew Cotrel
Captain Brenda Cruickshank
Charly Dickerson
Michael diMonda
G. Richard Dundas, MD

Frederick Dunn
Dr. Jacqueline Kelly
Wes Mook
Jamie Percey
Joyce Scribner

Excused:

Colonel Gary DeGasta, Vice President

Christina Crowe
Robert Hooper
Mary Ryan, Executive Assistant

Janet Osmer
Robert E. Burke
Robyn Boland, Executive Assistant

GUEST: Mark Rondeau, Banner

The meeting was called to order by President Krawczyk at 1000.

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Klopchin and a quorum was announced.

Capt. Cruickshank made a motion to accept the minutes from February 2018 as written, seconded by Mrs. Scribner. Motion carried.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
PRESIDENT WELCOME	President welcomed Board of Trustees and introduced the CEO for her presentation. President Krawczyk recognized her efforts and accomplishments as Northeast Regional Director of NASVH, appointment to the Elizabeth Dole Foundation and to the Board of Trustees of the Bennington Rescue Squad. Other Board members recognized her vision and accomplishments at VVH.	INFO
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EDUCATION AND TRAINING	The program agenda and confirmation of panelists were announced. Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Percey moderated the discussion of the education and training pre-questionnaire. Responses will be the basis for discussions during various sessions throughout the two-day event held June 12 and 13.	INFO
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ADMINISTRATION	The CEO gave a power point presentation spanning her tenure as CEO. From 2011 to present day, the facility has progressed from weekly visits from L&P (Licensing and Protection), the potential loss of funding from CMS to the 5-Star rating recognized nationally as one of the top Veterans nursing homes in	

	the Country. The CEO acknowledged the daily excellence of the dedicated staff for this achievement. (See report)	
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MR. DUNN SOLAR POWER	Contract proposed by EnCore Solar Power was reviewed by Dan Edson, Solar Energy Consultation on Renewable Energy. Issues brought forward by panel included location (acreage, visibility, wet lands, flood plains, restoration and safety); panels (size, installation, maintenance, degradation and removal), contract (responsibilities of and longevity of the company, length of contract, permits); financial (installation, effects on budget and Legislative action, energy buy back.) Additional concerns were voiced. Mr. Cotrel made a motion to move forward with the project, seconded by Mr. Klopchin. By majority vote (7 yes, 4 no), motion carried.	OPEN
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COMMITTEE REPORTS MRS. SCRIBNER BUDGET AND FINANCE	A report was given on caparison of occupancy rate among State nursing homes; VVH has highest rate in county.	INFO
STRATEGIC PLANNING	An off-site facility, preparation for future Veterans (male and female) and the effects of changes in Medicare/Medicaid as well as other scenarios were discussed for the future direction of the Home. Strategic Planning will be a special focus for the Education and Training Program in June.	OPEN
CAPT. CRUICKSHANK OPERATIONS	Positive results of EMR (electronic medical records) was discussed.	INFO
MR. BUTTERFIELD OUTREACH AND MARKETING	Board-sponsored events on VVH grounds such as a local Veteran Appreciation Day, working in conjunction with historical societies or the Museum to bring speakers or re-enactments were brought forth as measures to attract new Veterans while providing entertainment and enrichment to current residents.	OPEN
MR. FRED DUNN BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	New oxygen system is beyond the design stage, moving into construction in the near future. A Security study has been submitted to the Legislature to replace existing doors as well as other measures that would enhance the safety for Veterans/Members and staff.	OPEN
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OTHER BUSINESS FRIENDS OF VVH	Mr. Mook distributed the new flyers from the Friends [a 501(c)3 organization] and is currently soliciting funds through the flyer as well as their website; donations are tax deductible. A membership drive was successful.	OPEN

SHED DEER ANTLERS	Board will host a silent auction for the shed fallow deer antlers during the Father's Day Car Show, June 16, 2018.	OPEN
ADJOURNMENT	Motion made by Mr. Cotrel, and seconded by Mr. diMonda. By unanimous vote, motion carried.	CLOSED

Meeting was adjourned at 1537. Next Board Meeting 12 & 13 June, 8 August, 10 October, 12 December.