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UPPER PIONEER VALLEY VETERANS' SERVICES DISTRICT

Veteran Resource and Referral Center located in Greenfield, satellite locations throughout the district

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- Whately

Meeting Notice
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District
Wednesday October 21, 2020
6:00 P.M.

VIA WEBEX Conferencing System:

To join via phone:

1-408-418-9388 United States Toll
 Access code: 132 093 5575 # #

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: No minutes as April meeting cancelled
3. Old Business
 - Election of Officers, terms had been extended until this meeting due to Covid-19
4. New Business
 - Meetings via Webex and adaptations to operation because of Covid-19
 - 90 day report on district to include outreach events, office hours in district, trends in district
 - **FY22 budget presentation/approval** to include new MA EQVs
 - Set next meeting date / time (May 2021) and location
5. Executive Session, if desired

***Please note that the list of topics in this notice was comprehensive at the time of posting, however the public body may consider and take action on unforeseen matters not specifically named in this notice.**

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3rd QTR CY20 Updates for UPVSD

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Below are some highlights and bullet points for activities in the district:

- 1-District did not conduct any outreach events this quarter due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- 2-Staff continues to have normal office operating hours, with masks and sanitation procedures in place for staff and clients. We have not seen an uptick in Ch115 applications due to the Covid-19 pandemic unlike other areas of the state. We have seen an increase in VA compensation applications because a lot of people had spare time to get them filed. We have seen some VA comp exams being delayed, and some happening right away. There is no rhyme or reason seen other than some VA sub-contractors have openings and some don't. Applications for VA footstones are down due to many families delaying burials until the Covid-19 pandemic is over.
- 3-District distributes approximately 20-30 Salvation Army Food boxes monthly and we now have an in house pantry with non-perishables and bread twice per month. This is being delivered and picked up by veterans and dependents. Project New Hope is keeping pantry stocked through a grant from the Western MA Food Bank. Salvation Army boxes ended in August but we will continue to deliver from our pantry.
- 4- Chris Demars is now a National Service Officer so we can submit claims directly to VA. This was a long and lengthy process due to the VA shutting down for most of the spring.

Future Events:

District staff will be attending(perhaps via internet) Annual Training end of Oct, office will be shut Monday Oct 21-Thursday Oct 24

Regards,

Tim Niejadlik

District Assessments FY 22
FY22 Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District budget less Greenfield portion (56%)

		Greenfield	District	Total		Retiree Ins.	Total District	Grand Total	District Credit	Final Assessment
		\$152,750	\$120,019	\$272,769		\$7,500	\$ 120,019.00	\$127,519.00		\$127,519.00
	EQV 2018	50%	Population	50%	Total %					
Ashfield	271,206,700	1.9%	1,733	1.9%	3.7%	\$ 277.04	\$ 4,453.39	\$4,730.43	\$ -	\$4,730.43
Bernardston	248,325,200	1.7%	2,123	2.3%	4.0%	\$ 289.69	\$ 4,767.83	\$5,057.51	\$ -	\$5,057.51
Buckland	236,099,700	1.6%	1,889	2.0%	3.6%	\$ 271.48	\$ 4,366.44	\$4,637.92	\$ -	\$4,637.92
Charlemont	147,289,000	1.0%	1,251	1.3%	2.3%	\$ 179.22	\$ 2,817.37	\$2,996.58	\$ -	\$2,996.58
Colrain	182,644,300	1.2%	1,661	1.8%	3.0%	\$ 232.23	\$ 3,634.86	\$3,867.09	\$ -	\$3,867.09
Conway	272,849,200	1.9%	1,902	2.0%	3.9%	\$ 303.04	\$ 4,684.37	\$4,987.41	\$ -	\$4,987.41
Deerfield	808,941,100	5.5%	5,089	5.5%	11.0%	\$ 803.26	\$ 13,180.23	\$13,983.49	\$ -	\$13,983.49
Erving	956,478,200	6.5%	1,796	1.9%	8.5%	\$ 648.25	\$ 10,150.95	\$10,799.19	\$ -	\$10,799.19
Gill	173,933,200	1.2%	1,491	1.6%	2.8%	\$ 207.98	\$ 3,344.65	\$3,552.64	\$ -	\$3,552.64
Hawley	51,879,800	0.4%	335	0.4%	0.7%	\$ 54.13	\$ 856.39	\$910.52	\$ -	\$910.52
Heath	96,423,600	0.7%	703	0.8%	1.4%	\$ 108.10	\$ 1,695.13	\$1,803.23	\$ -	\$1,803.23
Leverett	291,826,100	2.0%	1,861	2.0%	4.0%	\$ 301.28	\$ 4,787.13	\$5,088.41	\$ -	\$5,088.41
Leyden	95,052,200	0.6%	721	0.8%	1.4%	\$ -	\$ 1,707.06	\$1,707.06	\$ -	\$1,707.06
Monroe	28,214,600	0.2%	121	0.1%	0.3%	\$ 23.66	\$ 386.99	\$410.65	\$ -	\$410.65
Montague	953,787,100	6.5%	8,377	9.0%	15.5%	\$ 1,156.62	\$ 18,599.44	\$19,756.06	\$ -	\$19,756.06
New Salem	123,679,700	0.8%	1,002	1.1%	1.9%	\$ 143.27	\$ 2,303.37	\$2,446.64	\$ -	\$2,446.64
Northfield	517,658,400	3.5%	3,023	3.2%	6.8%	\$ 494.20	\$ 8,133.69	\$8,627.88	\$ -	\$8,627.88
Plainfield	98,187,300	0.7%	650	0.7%	1.4%	\$ 104.43	\$ 1,641.37	\$1,745.80	\$ -	\$1,745.80
Rowe	520,263,200	3.6%	392	0.4%	4.0%	\$ -	\$ 4,768.62	\$4,768.62	\$ -	\$4,768.62
Shelburne	308,015,300	2.1%	1,893	2.0%	4.1%	\$ 290.34	\$ 4,961.01	\$5,251.34	\$ -	\$5,251.34
Shutesbury	243,958,800	1.7%	1,773	1.9%	3.6%	\$ 264.31	\$ 4,281.55	\$4,545.85	\$ -	\$4,545.85
Sunderland	388,097,600	2.7%	3,690	4.0%	6.6%	\$ 502.29	\$ 7,930.32	\$8,432.61	\$ -	\$8,432.61
Warwick	8,240,500	0.1%	774	0.8%	0.9%	\$ 105.31	\$ 1,063.77	\$1,169.08	\$ -	\$1,169.08
Wendell	10,214,900	0.1%	868	0.9%	1.0%	\$ 122.50	\$ 1,200.94	\$1,323.45	\$ -	\$1,323.45
Whately	288,556,600	2.0%	1,505	1.6%	3.6%	\$ 277.38	\$ 4,302.12	\$4,579.50	\$ -	\$4,579.50
Totals:	7,321,822,300	50.0%	46,623	50.0%	100.0%	\$ 7,160.00	\$ 120,019.00	\$127,179.00	\$0.00	\$127,179.00

District Budget FY22

Account Number	Account Description	FY 22 Req All District	
0100.543.5111.0000	Perm Sal Wages Full Time	\$ 229,669.00	
0100.543.5111.0000	Perm Wages, Part-Time		
0100.543.5122.0000	Temp Wages Partime	\$ -	
	Indirect	\$ 22,000.00	
	Total Wages	<u>\$ 229,669.00</u>	
	Total Wages	\$ 251,669.00	
0100.543.5243.0000	Repairs/maint Off Equip.	\$ 500.00	
0100.543.5343.0000	Printing	\$ 150.00	
0100.543.5344.0000	Postage-Veterans	\$ 400.00	
0100.543.5453.0000	Various Paper Products	\$ 300.00	(Greenfield higher for special paper-tax program)
0100.543.5711.0000	Meetings Seminars Conf Vets	\$ 500.00	
0100.543.5712.0000	Mileage Reimb Vets	\$ 350.00	
0100.543.5733.0000	Dues Memberships Vets	\$ 300.00	
	Vehicle Depreciation	\$ -	
	Rent per year	\$ 18,600.00	
	Total Office & Mileage	<u>\$ 21,100.00</u>	
	Total Veterans	\$ 272,769.00	
	<u>Veterans footnotes:</u>		

***Wages: FY 2022**
Director \$74909
VSA \$54080
Full- Time Staff (1) \$43368each
Deputy \$57222

Estimated Ch. 115 Benefit Payments FY22

	Estimated by			Estimated Benefits	
	July 2021	2%	per month	annual	
Ashfield	\$ 550.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 561.00	\$	6,732.00
Bernardston	\$ 500.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 510.00	\$	6,120.00
Buckland	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 3,060.00	\$	36,720.00
Charlemont	\$ 700.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 714.00	\$	8,568.00
Colrain	\$ 650.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 663.00	\$	7,956.00
Conway	\$ 400.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 408.00	\$	4,896.00
Deerfield	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 1,428.00	\$	17,136.00
Erving	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 1,428.00	\$	17,136.00
Gill	\$ 250.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 255.00	\$	3,060.00
Greenfield	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 21,420.00	\$	257,040.00
Hawley	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Heath	\$ 350.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 357.00	\$	4,284.00
Leverett	\$ 350.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 357.00	\$	4,284.00
Leyden	\$ 500.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 510.00	\$	6,120.00
Monroe	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Montague	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 6,375.00	\$	76,500.00
New Salem	\$ 350.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 357.00	\$	4,284.00
Northfield	\$ 600.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 612.00	\$	7,344.00
Plainfield	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Rowe	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Shelburne	\$ 700.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 714.00	\$	8,568.00
Shutesbury	\$ 350.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 357.00	\$	4,284.00
Sunderland	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$	30,600.00
Warwick	\$ 300.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 306.00	\$	3,672.00
Wendell	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 1,122.00	\$	13,464.00
Whately	\$ 350.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 357.00	\$	4,284.00
Totals:	\$ 43,550.00	\$ 871.00	\$ 44,421.00	\$	533,052.00

Average cost per client for planning purposes is \$600.00. This can change based on health insurance, living situation and income.