



**Department of Veteran Services**  
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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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- Hawley
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**Meeting Notice**

**Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District**  
 294 Main Street, Greenfield, MA 01301  
 Wednesday October 13, 2021  
 6:00 P.M.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes for May 2021
3. Old Business
  - Election of Officers, terms had been extended until this meeting due to Covid-19 as had been done before
4. New Business
  - Status of Chris Demars as National Service Officer
  - Telehealth usage
  - Donation from Turners Golf Course
  - 90 day report on district to include outreach events, office hours in district, trends in district
  - New inter-muni agreement to be mailed
  - **FY23 budget presentation/discussion/approval- level funded**
  - Set next meeting date / time (May 2022) 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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May 12 2021 UPVSD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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-Meeting called to order at 1804 by Chairman Dave Gendron, Rule of Necessity passed due to Covid to accept 8 votes for majority, same as Oct 2020 meeting

Towns Present via Webex Phone: Ashfield, Bernardston, Colrain, Greenfield, Heath, Montague, New Salem, Shutesbury

**-Approval of prior meeting Minutes:** motion by Heath, seconded by Shutesbury, votes passes unanimously

**-New Business** Motion to keep elected officers the same by New Salem, seconded by Colrain until fall meeting, passes unanimously due to covid

-Future meetings by Webex rescinded due to changing covid restriction, future meetings in person

-Director Niejadlik discusses new VA Telehealth site and purpose on location. Dave Gendron asks about transportation into office for non-drivers. This is a ongoing discussion with VA and DAV. Dave Gendron ask for update once determined. Wayne Hatchey(New Salem) offers to help for vets in his area that may need ride in.

**-Old business** Tim Niejadlik presents 90 day district report for towns; this was part of packet handed out for meeting. Motion to accept by Shutesbury, second by New Salem, report accepted unanimously.

-Next meeting date set for Oct 13, 2021 at 6pm UPVSD offices

-Motion to adjourn by Shutesbury at 1823, seconded by New Salem, meeting adjourned



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**4th QTR FY21 Updates for UPVSD (Apr 1-Jun 30 2021)**

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Below are some highlights for activities in the district this past quarter:

- All staff that are eligible (3 of 4) fully vaccinated for COVID. We continue to keep full hours. Still have some towns and COAs closed. This limits outreach. However we are back to Montague COA, Northfield Town Hall, Deerfield Town Hall (instead of COA) and Ashfield Town Hall.
- Chris Demars finally fully up and running as a NSO. All new VA claims being submitted directly instead of through Massachusetts office
- Laura Thorne continues to serve as certified SHINE councilor, helping numerous veterans and dependents with health insurance
- Massachusetts installed new software for Ch115 program. This was a disaster and continues to cause more work for staff. This was not a well thought out rollout on the state side!!
- District kicked off VA Telehealth Center with open house, bookings just started in August, some hesitancy on the VA providers to use. This is being addressed with outreach and VA CWM Director Duane Gill. DAV will bring in clients along with Wayne Hatchey for vets out his way.
- District re-certified all Ch 115 clients for the first six months of FY22 as per state law (approx 88 clients). Expenditures continue to go down due to alternative monies and deaths or moving
- District purchased and distributed 93 gross of cemetery flags for Memorial Day and over 100 Veteran gravesite flag holders. Purchased approx 50 US flags and POW flags for towns
- Between April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> the district completed the following Federal VA claims: 20 new VA claims for compensation, 5 claims for higher rating, 4 claims for appeal/review, 3 claim for D.I.C., 3 claims for VA burial assistance, 10 claims for VA footstones, 2 records requests to the Archives in St Louis, 3 applications for the MA Annuity and 4 tax abatement applications

Regards,

Tim Niejadlik

**District Assessments FY 23**

**FY23 Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District budget less Greenfield portion (56%)**

		Greenfield	District	Total		Retiree Ins.	Total District	Grand Total	District Credit	Final Assessment
		\$152,859	\$120,104	\$272,963		\$6,700	\$ 120,103.72	\$126,803.72		\$126,803.72
	EQV 2020	50%	Population	50%	Total %					
Ashfield	271,206,700	1.9%	1,733	1.9%	3.7%	\$ 252.01	\$ 4,456.53	\$4,708.54	\$ 80.73	\$4,627.81
Bernardston	248,325,200	1.7%	2,123	2.3%	4.0%	\$ 269.04	\$ 4,771.19	\$5,040.23	\$ 86.57	\$4,953.67
Buckland	236,099,700	1.6%	1,889	2.0%	3.6%	\$ 246.55	\$ 4,369.52	\$4,616.07	\$ 79.25	\$4,536.82
Charlemont	147,289,000	1.0%	1,251	1.3%	2.3%	\$ 158.99	\$ 2,819.36	\$2,978.35	\$ 51.15	\$2,927.19
Colrain	182,644,300	1.2%	1,661	1.8%	3.0%	\$ 204.99	\$ 3,637.42	\$3,842.41	\$ 66.02	\$3,776.39
Conway	272,849,200	1.9%	1,902	2.0%	3.9%	\$ 264.86	\$ 4,687.68	\$4,952.53	\$ 84.96	\$4,867.58
Deerfield	808,941,100	5.5%	5,089	5.5%	11.0%	\$ 745.96	\$ 13,189.53	\$13,935.49	\$ 238.90	\$13,696.59
Erving	956,478,200	6.5%	1,796	1.9%	8.5%	\$ 580.57	\$ 10,158.11	\$10,738.68	\$ 182.88	\$10,555.80
Gill	173,933,200	1.2%	1,491	1.6%	2.8%	\$ 188.73	\$ 3,347.01	\$3,535.74	\$ 60.73	\$3,475.01
Hawley	51,879,800	0.4%	335	0.4%	0.7%	\$ 48.46	\$ 857.00	\$905.45	\$ 15.53	\$889.93
Heath	96,423,600	0.7%	703	0.8%	1.4%	\$ 95.80	\$ 1,696.33	\$1,792.13	\$ 30.75	\$1,761.38
Leverett	291,826,100	2.0%	1,861	2.0%	4.0%	\$ 270.90	\$ 4,790.51	\$5,061.42	\$ 86.78	\$4,974.64
Leyden	95,052,200	0.6%	721	0.8%	1.4%	\$ -	\$ 1,708.27	\$1,708.27	\$ 30.97	\$1,677.29
Monroe	28,214,600	0.2%	121	0.1%	0.3%	\$ 21.98	\$ 387.26	\$409.24	\$ 7.00	\$402.25
Montague	953,787,100	6.5%	8,377	9.0%	15.5%	\$ 1,049.26	\$ 18,612.57	\$19,661.83	\$ 337.76	\$19,324.08
New Salem	123,679,700	0.8%	1,002	1.1%	1.9%	\$ 130.04	\$ 2,305.00	\$2,435.04	\$ 41.81	\$2,393.23
Northfield	517,658,400	3.5%	3,023	3.2%	6.8%	\$ 460.68	\$ 8,139.43	\$8,600.11	\$ 147.37	\$8,452.74
Plainfield	98,187,300	0.7%	650	0.7%	1.4%	\$ 92.85	\$ 1,642.53	\$1,735.38	\$ 29.76	\$1,705.62
Rowe	520,263,200	3.6%	392	0.4%	4.0%	\$ -	\$ 4,771.98	\$4,771.98	\$ 85.68	\$4,686.31
Shelburne	308,015,300	2.1%	1,893	2.0%	4.1%	\$ 280.84	\$ 4,964.51	\$5,245.35	\$ 89.91	\$5,155.44
Shutesbury	243,958,800	1.7%	1,773	1.9%	3.6%	\$ 241.98	\$ 4,284.57	\$4,526.55	\$ 77.67	\$4,448.88
Sunderland	388,097,600	2.7%	3,690	4.0%	6.6%	\$ 447.04	\$ 7,935.92	\$8,382.96	\$ 144.07	\$8,238.89
Warwick	8,240,500	0.1%	774	0.8%	0.9%	\$ 94.24	\$ 1,064.52	\$1,158.76	\$ 30.37	\$1,128.40
Wendell	10,214,900	0.1%	868	0.9%	1.0%	\$ 110.29	\$ 1,201.79	\$1,312.08	\$ 35.49	\$1,276.60
Whately	288,556,600	2.0%	1,505	1.6%	3.6%	\$ 243.93	\$ 4,305.16	\$4,549.09	\$ 77.90	\$4,471.19
Totals:	7,321,822,300	50.0%	46,623	50.0%	100.0%	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 120,103.72	\$126,603.72	\$2,200.00	\$124,403.72

Account Number	Account Description	FY 23 Req All District
0100.543.5111.0000	Perm Sal Wages Full Time	\$ 230,580.00
0100.543.5111.0000	Perm Wages, Part-Time	
0100.543.5122.0000	Temp Wages Partime	\$ -
	Indirect w/any accrual	\$ 19,000.00
	Total Wages	\$ 230,580.00
	Total Wages	\$ 249,580.00
0100.543.5243.0000	Repairs/maint Off Equip.	\$ 300.00
0100.543.5343.0000	Printing	\$ 100.00
0100.543.5344.0000	Postage-Veterans	
0100.543.5453.0000	Various Paper Products	\$ 350.00 (Greenfield higher for special
0100.543.5711.0000	Meetings Seminars Conf Vets	\$ 2,200.00 paper-tax program)
0100.543.5712.0000	Mileage Reimb Vets	\$ 100.00
0100.543.5733.0000	Dues Memberships Vets	\$ 200.00
	Vehicle Depreciation	\$ -
	Rent per year	\$ 20,133.00

Total Office & Mileage \$ 23,383.00

**Total Veterans** \$ 272,963.00  
**Veterans footnotes:**

**\*Wages: FY 2023**  
**Director \$75000**  
**VSA \$54600 w/longevity**  
**Full- Time Staff (1) \$43500each**  
**Deputy \$58000**  
**Distirct Credit for FY22 as not all salary increases went into effect**  
**This is approximately \$2200.00**