

Meeting Minutes- Suffolk County
Women Veterans Advisory Board
September 18th, 2020

Board Members Present: Board Members Present: *Legislator Susan A. Berland, Christine Glynn, StaceyAnn Castro Tapler, Marcelle Leis, , Cathie Norton Doherty, Grace Mehl, Madeline Feaster, Williamina (Ina) Casali, Sam Sarube*

3:04 Christine started meeting

First order of Business: Reviewed Notes from last meeting.

Notes Approved.

Stacey Gives updates and announcements

Stacey gave update on the letter Grace sent regarding the housing issue right now in Suffolk and her thoughts on it.

Stacey updates group: Denise “Bugsy” resigned from the advisory board officially

Legislative Ideas Discussed:

Program under Legislature Stern: Homes For Heroes / Building the Homes ourselves

Second Order of Business: Second Order of Business: Female Gyn At Northport VA. Maddie will be drafting a letter on behalf of the board with another request for a female GYN. Stressing we do not want the male doctor removed, the current staff is wonderful, we simply want the choice of a female.

Vets program open right now for home reconstruction like wheelchair ramps and other accessibility issues

Updates given from other board members

Lenore gave update on Northwell Women Veterans Initiative and will keep us posted
ext Legislature Committee meeting for Veteran Affairs is Fri 10/2 1pm

Jen Baker is the new appointee being voted on.

We will form a team as a group of women veterans supporting the 5k for fighters

Our next meeting is 10/9 at 3pm zoom

New Business:

~Next meeting will be by zoom Samantha will send the link by email.

~Suffolk County Marathon Will be October 25th and the 5K for Fighters will be October 10th

~Sam will make up a letterhead for the advisory board and send it to all of us

Meeting closed at 3:31pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathie Norton Doherty

Legislative Ideas:

~LGBT Veterans-discharged dishonorably, there is proposed legislation to change their status. NYS will change the definition of the word VETERAN and that will mean changes to the services and county benefits they are entitled too