

**CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS' SERVICES DISTRICT
QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2016**

WESTBOROUGH TOWN HALL, 34 WEST MAIN STREET, WESTBOROUGH

TOWN REPRESENTATIVES

Tim McInerney, Town Administrator, Grafton

Kimberly Foster, Assistant Town Administrator, Northborough

Paula Brady, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, Shrewsbury

**ADAM COSTELLO,
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS SERVICES DISTRICT
Report, Fiscal Year 2016**

- During FY16, seventy-two residents received Chapter 115 public assistance benefits. There are currently forty-three residents within the district receiving local public assistance benefits.
- Unemployment reduced back to anticipated levels, with one unemployed resident and one underemployed resident currently receiving local benefits. The majority of veteran residents return to the labor force within 90-days, with none unemployed for greater than 180-days.
- There are no budget concerns at this time.
- VA compensation claims continue to come into the office at about double the rate of the previous year.
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts annual certification training will be held in October 2016.
- District renewal is due prior to November 30, 2016.
- Local events for the previous quarter included:
 - Vietnam Welcome Home Ceremony
 - Multiple interviews with local students ranging from elementary to high school
 - William Dohlus remembrance
 - Armed Forces Day
 - Memorial Day activities
 - PENTA Communications flag raising
- Priorities of work (daily):
 - Emergency needs (i.e., shelter, food, life-threatening behavior)
 - Chapter 115 benefits
 - VA compensation
 - Other individual needs
 - Administrative functions
 - Event coordination

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

DOCUMENTS USED DURING MEETING

FY16 PowerPoint presentation slides