

**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