

**Meeting Date:** 17 February, 2023.

**Meeting Location:** Chelmsford Center for the Arts  
1A North Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

**In attendance:**

Pat Wojtas  
Brian Fredriksson  
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Niles Cocanour  
Charles Fidler

**Absent:**

Richard Cockley  
Bradley Panton

**Summary of Discussion:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM by Pat.

Discussion centered around a review of our mission, goals, and activities that the MCC should be engaged in. The website was mentioned as one of our more public facing sources and the lack of content and information online. There was general agreement that the website should be updated, but the conversation then moved to what content should be included.

Some discussion on the origin of the military community covenant, with a reminder that this was a Pentagon endorsed effort. We attempted to reach the previous Pentagon website and it no longer appeared to be working. There was agreement that the community meant to be served included Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and Veterans on the military side of the covenant. The community focus was on how we (Chelmsford) can be viewed as a welcoming community for the military being served.

We spent some time talking about ways in which we could foster better engagement, that included reaching out to the Hanscom Base leadership, local Guard and Reserve units, and maintaining ties with the town's Veterans agent. We also agreed that we would need to refresh the community offerings, both the discounts being offered as well as organizations that may want to reach out to the local military members including library, school, and businesses.

We agreed this subject would need to be continued in the next meeting, with each member of the committee coming with 3 to 5 ideas of how we can foster closer relations between the Chelmsford community and the local Military community.

The next meeting date was set for 10 March.

**Action and Votes Taken:**

Motion by Niles to approve minutes from last meeting; seconded by Chuck – Approved, 5-0, Unanimous consent

Action to come with 3 to 5 ideas each of how to refresh our the covenant between town and military.

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