

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL

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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Beneway, Jim Gallagher, Dick Trier, Town Selectmen Chair,
Tom Melia

I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting were approved.

II. **DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS**

A. **BUDGET AND PRIORITY ASSESSMENT OF PROJECTS**

- **ACTION:** After due discussion about available funds left in the 2015-16 budget, the motion was made and seconded (Trier/Melia) on the following expenditure priorities which was unanimously approved:
 1. Complete refurbishment of the Civil War Monument (\$2,000)
 2. Complete the repair/ replacement of the Memorial Park Flagpole.
 - Initial bid: \$4,650 (fiberglass pole, an additional \$800 for aluminum)
 - Dan Beneway agreed to find additional bids for this project for our next meeting.
 3. Maintenance on the Fitzgerald bronze at the Vietnam Memorial (\$700)
 4. Safety Barriers installed at the Vietnam Memorial (\$3,239).
- **ACTION:** The motion was made and seconded (Melia/Trier) to approve the Jeff Buccacio bid of \$2,000 to complete repairs of the Civil War Monument. Unanimously approved.
- Tom Melia noted that there were no guarantees that the additional funds approve for this year (\$10,000) would be automatically available in future years. He recommended to the trustees that they consider carefully that we put together an "**Article for Refurbishment**" for a major project to be voted on this year. The trustees agreed to look into developing this for the WWI Memorial in Rockdale. This article would require us getting a minimum of three bids from outside contractors based on a specific project description. Upon approval of the Selectmen and the Finance Committee this article would be placed on the ballot. We would need to be prepared to present this at a town meeting, answering questions before a vote.

B. MEMORIAL PARK SIGNAGE

- After due discussion on the previous priorities, it was agreed by the trustees that there is no money available for the development of an appropriate signing (and lighting) at Memorial Park at this time.

C. VIETNAM MEMORIAL SAFETY BARRIERS

- As noted above the bid received by Ron Massey of \$3,239 was put low on the priority list at this time.

III. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. GOING FORWARD:

- It was noted that we will need to take immediate action on flagpole bids as well as work on the article for refurbishment

B. NEXT MEETING:

- Agenda Items: Flag pole repair/replacement; Article for Refurbishment, Repairs update.
- Date: Thursday, March 3, 2016 7:00 PM- Town Hall.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Trier

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Secretary

Approved: **3/3/16**