

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL

Monday, January 29, 2018 - 7:00PM

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Beneway, Frank DeFazio, Tom Farley, Jim Gallagher, Dick Trier and Town Selectmen Chair, Charlie Ampagoomian.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved (DeFazio/Ampagoomian).

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

A. FINANCE REPORT

- Jim Gallagher carefully reviewed our current financial position considering the remaining payments due to DiBara Enterprises. With \$10,765.50 due to DiBara, it was noted that the town's commitment for the WWI Rockdale had a \$6945 balance meaning that approximately \$3,820 would need to come out of our FY17-18 budget.
- The trustees discussed the payment due to DiBara. Noting that all of the required repairs had been completed except for re-caulking the stone surrounding the plaques, the trustees took the following action:
- **ACTION:** A motion was made and seconded (Ampagoomian/DeFazio) that we direct the town accountant to pay DiBara \$9,265.50, noting to DiBara that the balance of \$1,500 would now be held back pending the final repairs. This motion was unanimously approved.

B. BALMER SCHOOL PROPOSAL

- As no one from the Balmer School project was in attendance, this item was tabled for a future meeting. Dick Trier agreed to reach out to Joe Strazzulla from the Balmer project to advise him of our next meeting.

C. MEETING WITH ATOWN MANAGER, ADAM GAUDETTE

- Mr. Gaudette was unable to meet with us at this time. Charlie Ampagoomian texted him to advise Adam of our next meeting. He responded that he would plan on joining us at that time.

D. MEMORIAL PARK FLAGPOLE PROJECT

- As we have had no response from bidders on this project, it was tabled for the next meeting, noting that this repair would be earmarked for some of our remaining budgeted dollars.

E. SQUARES AND MEMORIALS INVENTORY AND GPS LOCATIONS

- Jim Gallagher and Frank DeFazio reported that they have successfully located and recorded all of the monuments and squares in Northbridge with the exception of the reported Civil War gravestone off Quaker Street. Further discussion among the trustees may help in its location.
- Jim and Frank recommended that we break down the sites by voting precincts; then focusing on maintenance plans based on specific target areas.
- The trustees agreed that a precinct overlay would help us better organize and plan.

F. OTHER PROJECT UPDATES

- Dan Beneway noted that he would follow up with Jamie Luchini on possible relighting strategies for the WWII/Korean, Vietnam and other monuments. He would also talk to Jamie about plans for preparing the Memorial Park for Memorial Day.
- Jim Gallagher committed to reaching out to the town's IT personnel about creating an email address for the trustees.

G. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

- The email from Susan Susienka pertaining to The Medal of Liberty was discussed at length, questioning whether this would or should fall under our responsibilities. Further discussion with other veteran groups was needed.

II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEXT MEETING

- Monday, February 20, 2018, 7:00PM at the Town Hall
- Agenda Items:
 - Discussion with Town Manager Adam Gaudette
 - Balmer School Presentation
 - Monument Lighting
 - Monuments Maintenance Plans
 - Memorial Park Flagpole Project

C. ADJOURNMENT: 8:27PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Trier

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: *2/20/18*