

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**

**TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING**

**NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL**

**Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Beneway, Tom Farley, Ron Massey, Dick Trier, Town Selectmen Chair, Tom Melia.

I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting were approved.

II. **DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS**

A. **FLAGPOLE REPAIRS/ REPLACEMENT**

- Ron Massey reported that no new bids were secured and that those who were asked about replacing the flagpole noted that the project would require rebuilding the base, making the project cost-prohibitive.
- Ron did a lead test on the pole and found it to be lead free. This finding (along with the statement above) makes repainting the flag pole a much better idea.
- Discussion on whether Dan Beneway, as a trustee, could bid on this project. On the advice of Tom Melia, Ron said he would call the Ethics Commission to see if that was possible.

B. **ARTICLE FOR REFURBISHMENT**

- Ron has asked two different companies to look at the WWI Monument for refurbishment bids but none have responded.
- Tom Melia suggested that the trustees need to discuss options with the town manager; whether funds could be found and/or consideration of "debt exclusion" for the project.
- Further discussion lead to moving in a different direction at this time:
  - All agreed that an article for refurbishment for the coming fiscal year would be impossible.
  - It was recommended that the trustees develop a RFP by a qualified engineer.
  - Ron asked Tom Farley to ask Neal Mitchell if he was qualified to develop an RFP and if he would be willing to do so. Tom Farley agreed to talk with Neal about this.
  - Ron noted that several folks around town are continuing to look for historical background information on the Rockdale WWI Memorial. An article has been found in the "Woonsocket Call" noting construction of the memorial in 1920.

C. **REPAIRS ON THE CIVIL WAR MONUMENT**

- Ron noted that Jeff Buccacio has been contacted and asked to complete the Civil War Monument repairs as soon as possible, weather permitting. He also agreed to clean up the

bronze Fitzgerald monument at the Vietnam Memorial when/if funds were made available.

### III. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **ACTION:** A motion was made and seconded (Massey/Farley) that the trustees have unanimously have agreed to adhere to the requirements of the "*Sexual Harassment in the Workplace*" document.
- B. **GOING FORWARD:**
  - It was noted that the changes made in our plans may make other budgeted funds for this year available to complete additional planned projects this spring.
- C. **NEXT MEETING:**
  - Agenda Items: Flag pole repair/replacement; R.F.P. Rockdale WWI Memorial, Repairs update and additional projects.
  - Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 7:00 PM- Town Hall.

### IV. ADJOURNMENT: 8:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Trier

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Secretary

Approved: 04/05/16