

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

**NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

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

**GUESTS:** Elizabeth Haberski, Frank DeFazio

- I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting were approved as amended. (Melia/Farley).

II. **DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS**

A. **FLAGPOLE REPAIRS/ REPLACEMENT**

- Ron Massey reported that Framingham Flag and Wolf Painting were contacted and neither company submitted a bid for the flagpole painting project.
- The Ethics Commission would not give Ron an answer as to whether Dan Beneway, as a trustee, could bid on the project.
- One individual was willing to paint the flagpole gratis, but did not have insurance. The questions were raised; if we could accept his offer, was an insurance rider available to complete this job.
- Ron noted that this was his last meeting, as he has sold his home in Northbridge and is moving to Uxbridge. He noted that his recommendation to the trustees would be to use this scenario:
  - United Lifts is willing to rent us a lift for the whole weekend at a cost of \$896.17. (Contact: John at (781) 760-1405.
  - Bill Baldwin, a painter in town, would be willing to paint the flagpole for free if we provided the supplies. (Phone: (508) 450-1513.) However, he does not have insurance and we would need to research whether this would be feasible, if insurance could be procured, etc.
- No response from DeMeo Painting or Garnia Painting.
- **ACTION:** The motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved (Trier/Melia) to authorize Dan Beneway to spend up to \$500 for materials to complete this project.

B. **R.F.P. ROCKDALE WWI MEMORIAL**

- Tom Farley and Ron Massey reported that Neil Mitchell ((508) 234-8646) was willing to develop a RFP for the project.
- After due discussion about whether we should pursue a debt exclusion and/or an article for refurbishment, Tom Melia recommended that we set up a meeting with Town Manager Ted Kozak to discuss this issue with him, as well as the issue of whether or not

we might receive the additional \$10,000 for monument repairs again in the 2016-17 budget year. Dick Trier volunteered to set up that meeting and invite any trustees to join him

C. REPAIRS ON THE CIVIL WAR MONUMENT

- Ron noted that Jeff Buccacio has been APPROVED TO COMPLETE THE Civil War Monument repairs as well as refurbishing the Fitzgerald Bronze at the Vietnam Memorial. He is committed to complete these projects before Memorial Day.

III. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. In review of the current budget it was recommended that we pursue the completion of the Vietnam Memorial Barriers with this year's dollars. Dick Trier agreed to discuss our available funds with Neil Vaidya to determine exactly where we stand on available funds.
- **ACTION:** The motion was made and seconded (Trier/Beneway) and unanimously approved that we accept the \$3238.91 bid from Mr.Fence for this project.
  - Going forward, Dick Trier would ask Neil for a financial statement prior to each meeting of the trustees.
- B. NEXT MEETING:
- Agenda Items: Flag pole Repainting; R.F.P. Rockdale WWI Memorial, Financial Report, Project Updates
  - Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 7:00 PM- Town Hall.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Trier

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Secretary

Approved: 5/10/16