

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 - 7:00PM

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

Guests: Matthew and Michael Dibara, Jamie Luchini

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
(DeFazio/Farley)

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

A. ROCKDALE WWI MEMORIAL PROGRESS

- Dan Beneway introduced Matthew and Michael Dibara who gave a progress report on the Rockdale WWI Memorial, stating that they were currently on schedule.
- The Dibara Corp. proposed that the trustees consider modifying the specs on the project by using either Milford Pink granite for the deck of the project or Caledonia granite, both of which would more closely match the existing stones on the structure. This change would increase the cost by \$9,402 or \$8,000 respectively. The trustees thanked them for the update and recommendation, stating that they would consider their recommendations and let them know our decision as soon as possible.
- **ACTION:** After discussing their proposal, the motion was made and seconded (Trier/DeFazio) and unanimously approved that it would be imprudent of the trustees to add additional cost to this project citing limited resources and our credibility with Northbridge taxpayers. Therefore voting to keep the original granite that was in the specs. Dan Beneway said he would contact Dibara Corp. as soon as possible.

B. FINANCE REPORT

- Jim Gallagher reported that the discrepancy in our operating finances of \$489.91 clarified by Neil Vaidya that "Mr.Fence" did not submit a second bill for this fiscal year and, therefore, could not be paid. Jim also noted that an additional \$7,500 was approved by the town to offset the additional cost of the Rockdale WWI project. Our current balance (excluding monies earmarked for the WWI project) was therefore \$9,126.09 for this fiscal year.
- Dan Beneway noted that the WWI IFB had a payment schedule corresponding to specific work being completed.

- **ACTION:** It was moved and seconded (Trier/Gallagher) that the trustees authorize Dan Beneway to approve payments after he was sure that phase of the project has been completed. Unanimously approved.

C. MEMORIALS AND SQUARES INVENTORY PROJECT

- Jim Gallagher presented the map and documentation he has been working on to the trustees for their review. After noting a couple of corrections, the trustees recommended that trustees connected with our veteran groups in town share this draft document with those groups, and specifically Bill Audette, asking for their input.
- The trustees thanked Jim for his excellent work.

D. WWII & KOREAN MONUMENT

- As our financial position has now been clarified, the trustees asked Dick Trier to contact Latimore Masonry, asking if their estimate for repairs given last fall of \$6,550 was still valid.

E. MEMORIAL PARK LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

- The trustees asked Jim Marzec to check with landscaping companies he knows to give input on Memorial Park improvements for the future.

II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. UPDATES, NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Jamie Luchini noted that there was a tree growing behind the Vietnam Memorial whose roots were starting to damage the memorial. He advised the trustees that he would make plans to remove that tree and several others that were dead.
- Jamie also committed to make sure the Memorial Park area was presentable for the upcoming Memorial Day program.

B. NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 7:00PM at the Town Hall
- Agenda Items :
 - WWI Rockdale Progress, Photographs
 - Rockdale Dedication Plans
 - Inventory & GPS Project Update
 - WWII/ Korean Repair Discussion
 - Town Common Landscape Refurbishment
 - Improving Veteran and KIA List Coordination

A. ADJOURNMENT: 8:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Trier

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Secretary

Approved: *6/6/17*