

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 - 7:00PM

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

Guests:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
(DeFazio/Farley)

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

A. FINANCE REPORT

- Dan Beneway noted that the WWI IFB had a payment schedule corresponding to specific work being completed. Thus far, two payments have been submitted to Neil Vaidya by Dan amounting to \$72,860.
- Jim Gallagher reported our current balance (excluding monies earmarked for the WWI project) was 9,126.09 for this fiscal year.
- **ACTION:** A motion was made and seconded (Trier/DeFazio) that the trustees encumber any and all balances from the FY 16-17 for the completion of current projects approved by the trustees. This was unanimously approved.

B. ROCKDALE WWI MEMORIAL PROGRESS

- Dan noted that progress was being made on the project with all of the plaques now completely restored.
- It was recommended by Charlie Ampagoomian that the trustees give a progress report at the upcoming selectmen's' meeting on June 19th. We agreed to do so.
- The request was made by Dibara Corp. for the trustees to look into whether they could be allowed to work on the project on Sundays, due to the challenges of slow project progress due to the inclement weather we were experiencing. Charlie and Dan would check with Doreen Cedrone and Jim Sheehan to see if there were any restrictions in the town.

C. MEMORIALS AND SQUARES INVENTORY PROJECT

- It was reported that the draft document of veterans in the town has been shared with Bill Audette for his review.

D. WWII & KOREAN MONUMENT

- **ACTION:** A motion was made and seconded (Trier/DeFazio) that, pending the submission of a written estimate along with three references, that the trustees approve the expenditure of \$6,550 to Latimore Masonry for the repair and refurbishment of the WWII & Korean War Memorial in Whitinsville. Unanimously approved.
- Dick Trier said he would contact Bob Latimore with this information.

E. MEMORIAL PARK LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

- Tabled for a future meeting.

F. VETERAN LIST COORDINATION

- Jim Gallagher opened discussion on how we can better coordinate the efforts of all veteran groups in Northbridge so that we have a complete and accurate inventory of all veterans. The trustees agreed that we should continue these efforts.

G. TRUSTEE OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

- **ACTION:** The motion was made and seconded (Gallagher/Farley) that the trustees all keep their current jobs for the coming year. Unanimously approved.

H. OTHER PROJECT UPDATES

- Jamie Luchini (DPW) is currently contacting the tree company to remove the dead and dying trees behind the Vietnam Memorial.
- Flagpole at Dawson Square: The trustees duly noted that that a temporary flagpole with a "Killed in Action" flag has been installed at the Dawson Square and sincerely thank the young man who put it up. It was noted that all future improvements to squares and memorials must be approved by the trustees prior to implementation.

II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 7:00PM at the Town Hall
- Agenda Items :
 - WWI Rockdale Progress, Photographs
 - Rockdale Dedication Plans
 - Inventory & GPS Project Update
 - WWII/ Korean Repair Progress
 - Town Common Landscape Refurbishment
 - Improving Veteran and KIA List Coordination
 - New Vietnam Veteran name submissions.

B. ADJOURNMENT: 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Trier

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: *8/8/17*