

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL

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Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

**NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
DOREEN A. D'FURONE**

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

- I. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting were approved as printed. (Beneway/Farley).

II. **DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS**

A. **FINANCAL REPORT**

- Jim Gallagher presented a Financial Report noting that the trustees had \$7,324.35 remaining in our 2015-16 budget. Outstanding approved projects for this year were:
 - Vietnam Safety Barriers (Mr. Fence): \$3,228.91
 - Fitzgerald Bronze Refurb. (Jeff Buccacio): 700.00
 - Civil War Completion (Jeff Buccacio): 2,000.00
 - Dawson Pole Sleeves (Grainger): 633.42
 - Total Approved: 6,562.33
- When all of these projects are completed, Jim reported, we could have a balance of \$762.02 in the account

B. **FLAGPOLE REPAIRS/ REPLACEMENT**

- It was noted that, not only did the flagpole in Memorial Park need refurbishment or replacement, Dan Beneway reported that the flagpole at the WWI site in Rockdale was badly rusted and splitting apart.
- Efforts to find an insured painter to paint the Memorial Flagpole were unsuccessful.
- Requests were made to "All American Flagpole for estimates on repairs for both.
- After getting the lock open on the memorial Park Flagpole it was discovered that the base around the pole was hollow and therefore previous concerns about cost overruns for replacement were unfounded, making replacement a better option to painting.
- The trustees agreed to table further discussion pending receipt of estimates.

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

- The trustees brought Jim Marzec up to date on our request for the development of an RFP by Neal Mitchell.
- Dick Trier reported that Michael "Bo" Beaudoin, Chairman of the Northbridge Building, Planning and Construction Committee, recommended that we ask Bob Latimore of

Latimore Masonry to give us a rough estimate for the refurbishment of the WWI Rockdale Memorial. Dick agreed to contact Mr. Latimore.

D. ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

- Civil War/ Fitzgerald Clean up: Jeff Buccacio has committed to complete these projects in June.
- Mr. Fence has been contacted and has yet to complete the Vietnam Barriers. Dan will follow-up.
- A listing of our monuments was distributed to the trustees for updating. Tom Farley agreed to bring the updated list to Town Clerk Doreen so it can be revised.
- Grounds Keeping: The trustees discussed the possibility of contracting Nick Jane' to help our town's overworked DPW crew on keeping Memorial Park and possibly other sites in good, appropriate condition. Jim Marzec agreed to chat with the DPW about what support they might consider. Dan will broach the subject with Nick Jane'.

E. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- The following offices were unanimously approved for the 2016-17 fiscal year:
 - Chairman: Dan Beneway
 - Vice-Chair: Frank DeFazio
 - Treasurer: Jim Gallagher
 - Secretary: Richard Trier

III. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEXT MEETING:

- No date was set for a meeting in July until we determined if it was necessary.
- NOTE: Subsequently it was determined that a short meeting was necessary and was set for:
 - Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 6:00PM, Town Hall

IV. ADJOURNMENT: 8:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Trier

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Secretary

Approved: 7/12/16