

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL
Tuesday, August 8, 2017 - 7:00PM

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NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Beneway, Tom Farley, Dick Trier and Town Selectmen Chair, Charlie Ampagoomian

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the June 6, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
(Beneway/Farley)

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

A. FINANCE REPORT

- Dan Beneway noted that we now have \$15,000 in our account for FY 2017-18.
- The \$6,550 from FY 16-17 has been encumbered for the repair of the WWII & Korean Memorial which should be completed in September.

B. ROCKDALE WWI MEMORIAL PROGRESS

- Dan noted that progress is being made on the completion of the project but some complications have moved the completion date back; including the need to chisel the back of some stones to accommodate the new, stronger concrete block core that has been constructed.
- The question on whether DiMara could possibly work on Sundays was discussed with building inspector Jim Sheehan. There were no restrictions that he was aware of as long as noise levels were kept low.
- The dedication scheduled for Veterans Day was discussed with several items discussed including:
 - Reserving appropriate space at the WWI site for the dedication.
 - The need for effective marketing of the event including our cable station, weekly newspapers and our local veteran groups.
 - We should plan on refreshments for a reception at the newly refurbished Town Hall Meeting Room.
 - Contact with the Northbridge Police Department for traffic control, etc.
 - Tom Farley noted that Shannon Wheeler has agreed to prepare appropriate songs for the occasion.

C. MEMORIALS AND SQUARES INVENTORY PROJECT

- Tabled discussion- update next month

D. WWII & KOREAN MONUMENT

- Dick Trier said he would contact Bob Latimore to confirm a start and completion date for his contracted repairs for \$6,550 (as approved at our last meeting).

E. MEMORIAL PARK LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

- Tabled for a future meeting.

F. VIETNAM MEMORIAL NAME SUBMISSION

- The name of Paul Sansoucy has been submitted for inclusion on the Vietnam Memorial.
- **ACTION:** Motion was made and seconded (Beneway/Farley) that based on the review of Form DD214, which was submitted to the trustees for review, we hereby approve the addition of the name of Paul Sansoucy to the Vietnam Memorial. Unanimously approved.
- Dan Beneway said he would contact Whitinsville Monuments to make this inclusion.

G. OTHER PROJECT UPDATES

- Tom Farley noted that he has replaced the American flag on the Fitzgerald Memorial.
- **ACTION:** KIA Flagpole at Dawson Square: In a discussion with Dan Beneway, Mike Dawson asked that we remove KIA Flagpole and flag that was erected at his son's memorial. The motion was made and seconded (Ampagoomian/Trier) that we respectfully comply with his wishes. Unanimously approved.
- **ACTION:** As Dan Beneway noted that the flagpole at Memorial Park continues to look more and more despicable. He also noted that he has found the appropriate contractor to repair and paint the pole. Therefore the motion was made and seconded (Trier/Farley) to approve Dan Beneway's action of getting a quote for the project. Unanimously approved.

II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, September 12, 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
 - Updated Financial Report.

B. ADJOURNMENT: 7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Trier

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: 9/12/17