

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL

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Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - 7:00PM

MINUTES

**NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
DOREEN A. CEDRONE**

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

Guests: Acting Town Manager, Wally Warchol; Matt DiBara, Mary Larosa DiBara

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS:

- Wally Warchol mentioned that he would like to see the trustees consider adding additional information about where and when our memorialized veterans were killed in action. The trustees agreed to consider this request as we continued to develop our maintenance plan for our squares and memorials.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved. (Gallagher/Farley)

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

A. FINANCE REPORT

- Jim Gallagher shared his current financial report noting that we currently have a budgeted allotment of \$15,000 along with the encumbered \$6,550 for the WWII/Korean repair currently underway.

B. ROCKDALE WWI MEMORIAL PROGRESS

- Matt and Mary DiBara shared a "Schedule of Completion of Project" with the trustees noting that they will need approximately 20 rain-free days to complete the WWI project in Rockdale. Matt noted that they have been delayed due to the building of a concrete block core to better preserve the monument. Although he said they were incurring unsuspected costs, he was committed to hold to the agreed upon bid.

C. WWI ROCKDALE DEDICATION

- The date for the dedication was confirmed as Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 11:00AM.
- Frank DeFazio agreed to contact Phil Cyr and Harry Beckham about their involvement in the dedication ceremony.
- Dick Trier agreed to contact the Blackstone Valley Tribune about a possible preliminary article about the refurbishment and upcoming dedication.
- Charlie Ampagoomian would research contacts at the Telegram & Gazette.

- Dick Trier will talk to Sharon at the Town Manager's office to reserve the town billboard for the week prior to the dedication.
- As we discussed a reception to be held after the dedication, Dick Trier suggested that we might want to contact the priest at St. Peter's Church due to its close proximity to the memorial. Tom Farley said he would talk to the pastor about:
 - Parking at the church
 - Using their hall for a reception
 - Seeing if he would be willing to give the invocation
- As Dan Beneway has put his house up for sale, he suggested that someone else plan to mc the event. Charlie Ampagoomian agreed to do so.

D. MEMORIALS AND SQUARES INVENTORY PROJECT

- Tabled discussion- update next month

E. WWII & KOREAN MONUMENT

- Dick Trier reported that the repair project was well underway and that Bob Latimore has submitted an interim bill for \$4,275*, for the work being 50% completed and materials ordered in the amount of \$2,000. Latimore said he expected to have the project completed during the week of September 18th (weather permitting).
- Dan Beneway inspected the project and was pleased with Mr. Latimore's work so far.

*Corrected at 10/10/17 meeting from \$4,775.

F. MEMORIAL PARK FLAGPOLE REPAIR

- Dan Beneway has contacted "Painter's Pride" for an estimate but has not heard back from them yet.

G. VIETNAM MEMORIAL NAME SUBMISSION

- Dan Beneway contacted Whitinsville Monuments to make this inclusion.

H. OTHER PROJECT UPDATES

- The KIA Flagpole at Dawson Square has been removed.
- The trees that were encroaching on the Vietnam Memorial have been removed by a tree company commissioned by the DPW.
- Jeff Buccacio has contacted Dan Beneway noting that we should consider his maintenance plan for the monuments before they become weather damaged again. The trustees agreed to pursue this issue at the next meeting.

II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEXT MEETING:

- With the upcoming dedication coming soon the trustees scheduled two meetings:
 - Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 7:00PM at the Town Hall
 - Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 7:00PM at the Town Hall
- Agenda Items
 - WWI Rockdale Progress, Photographs
 - Rockdale Dedication Plans

- WWII/ Korean Repair Completion
- Mem. Park Flagpole
- Memorials Maintenance Contract
- Financial Report.

B. ADJOURNMENT: 8:38PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Trier

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: *(with noted correction) 10/10/17*

