

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL 16 OCT 31 AM 9:47

Tuesday, September 13, 2016- 7:00PM

MINUTES

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 August 10, 2016 meeting were approved. (Marzec/Gallagher).

II. **DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS**

A. **FINANCAL REPORT (Jim Gallagher)**

- Current balance: \$14,521.09
- Outstanding bills
 - Rockdale Flagpole: (5,075)
 - RFP (2,500)
- Available funds: 6,946.09
- Jim Marzec also noted that we should start to consider other warrants for future repairs and restorations,

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

- Dan Beneway reported that Robert Shure from Skylight Studios was currently developing the RFP for the Rockdale WWI Memorial.
- The Warrant for this memorial will be voted on at the next Town Meeting, Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at the Middle School.
- All Trustees were encouraged to attend to support the warrant and answer any questions that may arise.

C. **KOREAN & WWII MEMORIAL REPAIRS**

- The Trustees agreed to get estimates for repairs. Dan Beneway would contact Jim Rosseel and Dick Trier would contact Latimore Masonry.

D. **MEMORIAL PARK LANDSCAPING**

- Dan Beneway said he would try to get Nick Jane' to our next meeting so we could hear about his recommendations.

E. UPDATES

- Dan Beneway reported that the Rockdale Flagpole Project has been successfully completed.
- The Memorial Park Flagpole will be too expensive to replace in this year's budget. The trustees may want to pursue another warrant to cover this cost in the spring.

III. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. DISCUSSION

- It was noted that we have no record of Jeffrey Vail as a KIA veteran even though there is a Memorial Field honoring him near Balmer School. Jim Gallagher agreed to do some necessary research to clear this matter up.
- The trustees were reminded of the POW/MIA Memorial Vigil to be held at the VFW this Friday and Saturday.
- The trustees discussed the value of using GPS in cemeteries to locate all veterans. It was noted that Frank DeFazio's son had done an outstanding job on this as his Eagle Service Project.
- Concern was voiced by Jim Marzec about the number of Veteran Cemetery stones that had fallen into disrepair.

B. NEXT MEETING:

- Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 7:00PM
- Agenda Items
 - Korean & WWII Monument at Memorial Park Masonry
 - Nick Jane' Property enhancement
 - Rockdale WWI RFP
 - Project Updates

IV. ADJOURNMENT: 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Approved: *10/05/16*