

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 - 7:00PM

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Farley, Jim Gallagher, Charlie Ampagoomian and Dick Trier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Tuesday, December 14, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved with attendance corrections. (Ampagoomian/Gallagher).

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

A. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Jim Gallagher reported that our FY21-22 current budget reflects a balance of \$14,325.
- It was noted, as the last signs to be developed did not get completed last fall, the cost of these would not be encumbered in last year's budget.

B. MEMORIAL SQUARES UPDATING

- The proposed new signs to be developed were reviewed with the following notes:
 - Floyd Convent- **OK**
 - Raymond Buma – **OK**
 - Walter Crothers- **OK**
 - Walter Dusoblon - **OK**
 - The Lubas Brothers – **Hold for Tom Farley to secure Frank Lubas' rank.**
- The trustees discussed the concern that **John Joseph McDonald's** rank on the sign we had produced and installed had the wrong rank. After studying our records, it was determined that he was a **Private First Class**, not a lieutenant, so a new sign was approved to be made.
- Dick Trier said he would reproduce the drafts for the four signs along with the proposed Walter Crothers sign.
- Tom Farley noted that he had spoken to several people about Varoujajn Mooradian who was killed in WWII. He would get more information about where family or friends might want a Square developed.

C. VAIL FIELD REDEDICATION

- Dick Trier reported that he had emailed Joe Strazzulla a while ago but had not heard back. It was suggested that Alicia Cannon serves on the school building committee and might be a better resource. Dick said he would reach out to her as well.

D. REPORT ON 12/20/21 SELECTMEN'S PRESENTATION

- Dick Trier noted that Jim Gallagher, Tom Farley and he presented a brief report and request to install a Memorial Square in honor of Walther Crothers on the corner of Hill Street and

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Fowler Road. This request was unanimously approved and subsequent discussion allowed us to voice our concern about recent desecration of the WWI Memoria and American Flag at Whitinsville Memorial Park.

E. MONUMENT MAINTENANCE TO INCLUDE WWI ROCKDALE

- Frank DeFazio (in contact with Jay) said he has initially contacted Slotnick Memorials but has had no response thus far.

F. BENCH AT BUMA SQUARE

- Dick Trier noted that the bench repair was now paid for. He suggested that the trustees consider staining it after it seasons for a few months.

G. OTHER PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

H. COMMUNICATIONS/ CORRESPONDENCE

II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Charlie Ampagoomian suggested that we look into possibly honoring outstanding veterans with plaques on the benches placed around the town. Many questions came up and it was decided to put this item on the agenda for our next meeting.

B. NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, March 15, 2022– 7:00PM, Town Hall

C. Adjournment: 7:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Trier

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: *3/15/2022*