

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Ball, Tom Farley, Jim Gallagher and Dick Trier

GUESTS: David and Paula Prout

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Tuesday, March 15, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved. (Farley/Gallagher).

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I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

A. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Jim Gallagher reported that our FY21-22 current budget reflects a balance of \$14,325, with an anticipated bill due for seven new signs at \$54 from Signs Plus.

B. MEMORIAL SQUARES UPDATING

- Dick Trier presented the draft for the Mooradian Square sign.
- Jay Ball said he would follow up with Signs Plus on the production of the six pending signs and would include the sign for Mooradian as well.
- Dick Trier said he would follow up with Charlie Ampagoomian on getting approval for the construction of Mooradian Square.
- Jay Ball said he would check with construction of Mooradian Square.
- Jay Ball said he would check with Jamie Luchini as to an appropriate location for the Mooradian Square near Fletcher and Elm Place.

C. MONUMENT MAINTENANCE TO INCLUDE WWI ROCKDALE

- **PAULA AND DAVID PROUT UPDATE:** Paula and David Prout gave the trustees an update on their maintenance of the Vietnam and Korean/WWII Memorials they:
 - Reported that the military service signs they installed are holding up well but will need some reinforcement as they tend to twist in the wind.
 - Noted that several trees near the sites are in poor shape and should be eventually removed.
 - Noted that the Desert Storm and Spanish-American War Memorials in front of Town Hall are almost invisible to the public and should be illuminated.
- The trustees again thanked Paula and David for their ongoing efforts to keep these memorials looking great.
- Jay Ball said he would contact Jamie Luchini to see about getting the Desert Storm and Spanish-American memorials cleaned up and illuminated.

- **CIVIL WAR REPAIR UPDATE:**

- Dick Trier noted that he and Tom Farley met with Bob and Jesse Latimore to discuss the Civil War Memorial apron repairs. He presented the estimate that Latimore Masonry sent, noting that he and Tom recommended accepting the bid of \$12,500 for doing the job with dry lain Brick.
- He also noted that Latimore required a payment for materials prior to starting the job.
- **ACTION:** the motion was made and seconded that we approve the estimate of \$12,500 for Latimore Masonry to do the job and also to approve a 33% pre-payment for materials. This motion was unanimously approved.
- Dick Trier said he would contact Bob Latimore to let him know that we accepted his estimate and that he needed to get an invoice to us for the materials as soon as possible.
- Bob Latimore said that, with the payment for materials coming quickly, he should be able to complete the job before Memorial

- **FLAGPOLE REPAINTING:**

- The bid from R. Gonynor and Sons for Flagpole repainting at \$4,865 was reviewed by the trustees.
- **ACTION:** The motion was made and seconded (Ball/Trier) to approve the estimate of \$4865 for the repainting to the Flagpole in the Whitinsville Memorial Park. Unanimously approved.

D. OUTSTANDING VETERAN RECOGNITION

- Jason Ball noted that we would need to set up specific criteria for the recognition and that he would check with contacts he has to get their input.

E. OTHER PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

- Tom Farley noted that his grandson, Joseph Hanson, has completed his design for a plaque for the Lasell Field Memorial.

F. COMMUNICATIONS/ CORRESPONDENCE

II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, May 10, 2022– 7:00PM, Town Hall

C. Adjournment: 7:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Trier

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: