TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

<u>MINUTES</u>

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>: Jay Ball, Tom Farley, Ariel Lopez, Dick Trier and Selectmen Chair, Charles Ampagoomian.

<u>GUESTS:</u> Jim Gallagher, David Prout and Paula Prout,

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</u> The minutes of the Tuesday, April 12, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved. (Ball, Farley).

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

    A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRUSTEE- ARIEL LOPEZ
- The trustees welcomed Ariel Lopez as our newly elected veteran trustee. Ariel mentioned that he is and Air Force Vet., and has been active in the Northbridge area for a number of years and has served on the Northbridge Cultural Commission.

    B. DISCUSSION ON FILLING NON-VETERAN VACANCY
- Dick Trier noted that, due to an election glitz, Ariel was mistakenly elected to both the veteran and non-veteran trustee positions.
- **ACTION:** After reviewing this matter, the trustees asked if Jim Gallagher was willing to serve as a non-veteran trustee if appointed. Mr. Gallagher said he was willing to serve for the three-year term available. The motion was made and seconded (Ball/Trier) to ask the selectmen to appoint Jim Gallagher to the open position. Unanimously approved.
- The trustees directed Dick Trier to contact the town supervisor's office, asking Melissa to put this issue on the upcoming Selectmen Meeting ON June 27th.

    C. FINANCIAL REPORT
- Jim Gallagher, as our past treasurer, reported that our FY21-22 current budget reflects a balance of $14,325, with approved invoices for Latimore Masonry and Gonynor Painting pending.

    D. MEMORIAL SQUARES UPDATING
- Jay Ball reported that the McDonald (corrected) sign and the Crothers sign were completed. "Signs Plus" has been very slow in responding to his calls for updates on the others. Ariel Lopez volunteered to reach out to Signs Plus and to visit the office.
- Tom Farley reported that the proposed Mooradian Square was approved by the Selectmen at their last meeting.

    E. MONUMENT MAINTENANCE TO INCLUDE WWI ROCKDALE
- Dick Trier noted that he had reached out to Whitin Community Center for a progress report on their maintenance of the Dawson Memorial and Square. Tom Clarke, their Head of

Maintenance, reported that they have been taking care of the memorial and have asked the DPW for a delivery of mulch.

- Dick Trier also reported that the hand delivered the invoices for the work done by Latimore Masonry, for the brick work around the Civil War Monument, and Gonynor & Sons, for the flagpole painting, to Neil Vaidya last week. He talked to Neil about getting these invoices paid in FY 21-22 although our budget would be short. Neil said he would try to "work things out".
- Paula and David Prout asked about progress on the illumination of the Desert Storm Memorial. Jay Ball said thar Jamie Luchini was looking into options.

F. OUTSTANDING VETERAN RECOGNITION
- Jason Ball reported that the records in Framingham pursuant to their similar recognition have been destroyed so we would need to start from scratch on our criteria.
- The trustees continued their discussion about suitable criteria.

G. OTHER PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

H. COMMUNICATIONS/ CORRESPONDENCE

II.   OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS
- Jay Ball noted that the Northbridge 250th Anniversary Celebration will be held on July 16th and that he thought we might participate in the parade. He would get us information.
- Paula and David Prout noted that some tree pruning and fence painting needed to be done at the Korean/WWII memorial. Jay noted that we could do some minor pruning but major work would need to be approved and done by the town,
- Dick trier noted that the Vail Field looked to be nearing completion and we might want to put its dedication back on our agenda. He said he would reach out to Joe Strazzulla

B. NEXT MEETING:
- Tuesday, July 12.2022– 7:00PM, Town Hall

C. Adjournment: 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Trier

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: