

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Jay Ball, Tom Farley, Ariel Lopez, and Dick Trier.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Tuesday, June 14, 2022, meeting was unanimously approved. (Farley/Lopez).

I: DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

A. FINANCIAL REPORT

In Jim Gallagher's absence, Dick Trier reviewed the Fiscal Year End Financial Report received from Neil Vaidya. He noted that the balance of the Gonynor bill for the painting of the flagpole (\$3,040) was paid by the DPW. The trustees approved this report (Farley/Lopez).

B. SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS, FY 22-23 OFFICERS

- Tom Farley reported that the Selectmen approved the appointment of Jim Gallagher as a trustee.
- **ACTION:** The trustees approved the following officers for FY 22-23:
 - **Chair:** Jason Ball
 - **Vice Chair:** Ariel Lopez
 - **Treasurer:** Jim Gallagher
 - **Secretary:** Dick Trier
 - **Historian:** Tom Farley

C. MEMORIAL SQUARES UPDATING

- The completed Square Memorial Signs for McDonald (corrected) and The Lubas Brothers were presented at the meeting.
- Signs that still need to be made are: Dusoblon, Buma, Convent, Crothers and Mooradian.

D. MONUMENT MAINTENANCE TO INCLUDE WWI ROCKDALE

- Jason Ball noted that Jamie Luchini would check on how the Desert Storm Memorial by Town Hall could be illuminated.
- Dick Trier reported that Paula Prout provided him with some special tape to be used on the Memorial Park Flagpole to protect the pole from damage by the flag clips hitting the pole in windy weather. Tom Farley and he lowered the flags to use the tape. Unfortunately, it became obvious to them that the tape would not work. We need to continue our search for a solution.
- Jason noted that a proposal to place American flags around Memorial Square was made by a lady from the Northbridge Senior Center. Concern was made (prior to the meeting) by Jamie Luchini about the potential problems relating to weather damage, vandalism, desecration, and

lawn maintenance. The selectmen have asked for the trustees' input. The trustees agreed with Mr. Luchini's concerns and added some suggestions and questions:

- Could the flags be placed on utility poles around town instead?
- If specific veterans would be recognized by each flag, how would they be chosen?
- Could the flags be placed on the mulch beds instead of the lawn?
- Who would maintain the flags for the period they would be displayed/

E. "OUTSTANDING VETERAN RECOGNITION"

- Tabled for the next meeting.

F. OTHER PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

- Vail Field: Dick Trier will continue to reach out to Joe Strazzulla to see when a rededication could be scheduled.
- Lasell Field: Jason Ball noted the Tim Labrie is still working on the memorial and showed interest in coming to a future trustees meeting.

G. COMMUNICATIONS/ CORRESPONDENCE

II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, August 23, 2022– 7:00PM, Town Hall

C. Adjournment: 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Trier

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: *8/23/2022*