

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Farley, Jeffrey Manion, and Dick Trier.

GUESTS: Phil Cyr, Mike DeFazio

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Tuesday, July 18, 2023, meeting was unanimously approved. (Farley/Manion).

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION BY PHIL CYR AND MIKE DEFAZIO

- Phil Cyr thanked the trustees for underwriting the bill for Purple Heart flags for last year. He also noted that Town Supervisor Adam Gaudette would like the trustees to cover that cost annually.
- Phil Ctr and Mike DeFazio shared with the trustees their efforts in forming a task force to research all the cemeteries in Northbridge to make sure all veterans are duly acknowledged with grave markers. He and mike are launching this program at a meeting on August 29th.
- As Mike DeFazio indicated an interest in filling the vacant veteran trustee slot, Dick Trier suggested that, once approved, he might serve as a liaison between the task force and the trustees.
- The trustees made Phil and Mike aware of our current "Veterans Report" compiled by former trustee Jim Gallagher. Tom Farley offered to lend his copy to Phil.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

A. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Dick Trier reported that Sharon Semerick (Town Accountant) had received the request to encumber the Koopman Lumber invoice (charged by Paula Prout) and the Kuik Electric invoice (for lighting the Desert Storm Memorial). Dick also asked her to provide a regular finance statement for the trustees.

B. MONUMENT MAINTENANCE

- No new report.

C. LASELL FIELD MEMORIAL

- Dick Trier noted that Doug Beland said he was still waiting for Tim Labrie to get back with him pertaining to the engraved bricks and a date to complete the brickwork.
- Dick reported that he met with Tom Delfanti at Whitinsville Monumental Works and presented a draft of what the trustees envisioned as the Lasell Memorial stone. Copies of Dick's proposal were reviewed by the trustees and endorsed. Dick said that Tom Delfanti promised to get back to him with an artist rendition as well an estimate within a week.

D. WHITINSVILLE WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL

- No action currently.

E. OTHER PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

- **New Trustee Recommendations:**

- Mike DeFazio was asked if he would serve if approved by the selectmen and trustees. He agreed.
- Dick Trier said he would talk to Mellissa Ciaramitaro about getting us on the agenda of an upcoming selectmen's meeting.

F. COMMUNICATIONS/ CORRESPONDENCE

- Jeffrey Manion reported that he asked Barron Sherry about using some of his required community service hours from school to help maintain Memorial Square. Barron is considering the project.

II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. NEXT MEETING:

- **Tuesday, September 19, 2023– 7:00PM, Town Hall**

C. Adjournment: 7:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Trier

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: *09/19/23*