

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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

GUESTS: Ken Harrigan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Tuesday, September 12 2023 meeting were unanimously approved, (with the correction of the spelling of Mike DeFazio's name on the first page). (DeFazio/Manion).

GUEST INTRODUCTION by Tom Farley

- Tom Farley introduced Ken Harrington, a veteran, who is interested in filling the veteran vacancy as a trustee. Dick Trier noted that he would need to fill out a Talent Blank Application and get it to Melissa Ciaramitaro at the town manager's office promptly so we could include him on the Selectmen's agenda on Monday 11/20/23. Trier also noted that we would need to have a quorum at the 11/20 to recommend Ken's appointment.
- Ken Harrigan said that he would get the form to Melissa quickly as he was delighted to serve if appointed.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

A. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Dick Trier noted that he met with town accountant Sharon Semerick who indicated that we had zero expenditures in FY 23-24 thus far.

B. LASELL FIELD MEMORIAL

- Dick Trier reported that he spoke to Tom Delfanti from Whitinsville Monumental to let him know to go ahead with developing the monument design. Tom indicated that the granite required will be shipped from Italy after the final design was approved. He requested that we try to find a better image of Captain Lasell so the image on the stone could be enhanced.

C. WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL

- Dick Trier noted that he was able to get contact information from the town accountant for Rosseel Contracting in Sturbridge.

D. OTHER PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

E. MONUMENT MAINTENANCE

- No Report.

F. COMMUNICATIONS/ CORRESPONDENCE

- Discussion on last month's discussion about the Veteran Task Force's request for financial support continued with an update by Mike DeFazio.
- **ACTION:** The motion was made and seconded (Trier/Manion) to provide up to \$1,000 for the purchase of veteran medallions to the task force. Unanimously approved.
- Tom Farley noted that, once the new firehouse was completed, plans were made to move the Firemen's Memorial from Whitinsville Memorial Park to a location in front of the new firehouse.
- Tom noted a request from Paula Prout to replace the torn and tattered POW flag on the Memorial Park flagpole. He would take care of this request with the veterans.

II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. NEXT MEETING:

- **Monday, November 20th Selectmen/ Trustees Meeting 7:00PM, Town Hall**
- **Next Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

C. Adjournment: 7:54 PM

ADDENDUM

At the November 20th Joint meeting of the Selectmen and the Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials, Ken Harrigan was unanimously approved and appointed as a Veteran Trustee

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Trier

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: *01/01/2024*