

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - 7:00PM**

**ZOOM MEETING**

**MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Cannon, Frank DeFazio, Tom Farley, Jason Ball, Jim Gallagher, Dick Trier.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Tuesday, April 13, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. (Gallagher/Farley).

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS**

**A. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Jim Gallagher noted that three invoices were currently being submitted to Neil Vaidya for payment:
  - An invoice of \$450 to James Gallagher
  - An invoice of \$106.20 for military plaques to Mr. and Mrs. David Prout.
  - An invoice of \$90.00 to Signs Plus for the first two (Kmiotek and Trajanowski). Memorial Square Signs.
- Jim noted that these expenditures total \$646.20, leaving a balance of 14,353.80.
- Concern was voiced that these bills had not been paid by the town as of this date.

**B. MEMORIAL SQUARES UPDATING**

- Dick Trier reviewed the drafts of nine additional signs to be developed. Discussion and corrections were made.
- The trustees reviewed Jim Gallagher's summary of Northbridge Squares and determined that there were a total of 18 squares recognizing 21 names.
- Additional drafts of signs will be made by Dick Trier for review at our next meeting.
- **ACTION:** The motion was made and seconded that Jay could forward these nine new signs to Signs Plus for development at \$45 each for a total of \$405. Unanimously approved.

**C. NORTHBRIDGE VETERANS INFORMATION**

- The trustees discussed the review of Jim Gallagher's "*Northbridge Soldiers Memorials Trustees Veterans Report*". As no one had a chance to review the material in depth at this time, it was recommended that we share copies of the material with the town's veteran groups. Tom Farley and Frank DeFazio said that they would share their manuscripts with their veteran associates.

**D. MONUMENT MAINTENANCE TO INCLUDE WWI ROCKDALE**

- Jay Ball and Frank DeFazio noted their continued frustration in getting Jeff Buccacio to respond to their emails and calls. They would continue to get a meeting setup with him so a maintenance plan could be scheduled.

#### F. OTHER PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

- Lasell Field – No update at this time.
- Vail Field- Tom Farley offered to take the old Vail Field Plaque to the Veteran's Hall. Jay Ball said he would make arrangements with Joe Strazzulla to pick it up.

#### G. COMMUNICATIONS/ CORRESPONDENCE

- Dick Trier said that he would Email Melissa Ciaramitaro confirming our support of the town's approval of the use of Memorial Field for the Harvest Festival on September 25, 2021.

### II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Tom Farley noted that the Blackstone Valley Veterans Association would like the Trustees to consider replacing the flagpole at the Veteran's Hall and to refurbish the plaque there recognize Batchellor, a Revolutionary War soldier.
- Frank DeFazio said he would look into the matter and suggested that this be an agenda item at our next meeting.

#### B. NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, June 8, 2021 via ZOOM

#### C. Adjournment: 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard Trier*

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: *06/08/21*