

TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS MEETING

Thursday, October 21, 2021 - 7:00PM

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Ball, Tom Farley, Jim Gallagher, Dick Trier.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Tuesday, September 28, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved. (Gallagher/Farley).

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND PROGRESS REPORTS

A. LASELL FIELD MONUMENT UPDATE

- Chief Tim Labrie was unable to attend as expected but he emailed a report to Jay Ball who highlighted his comments:
 - Some good donations have been made for the memorial including the sale of some pavers (for \$200).
 - The memorial will include a bronze plaque placed near the flagpole.
 - He hopes to get additional donations with Pat McGowan through the Spaghetti Dinner on November 13th at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Jim Gallagher reported that all current bills for our KIA signs will be paid with encumbered funds from FY20-21.
- The only current estimate is \$675 for the repair of the bench at Buma Square.
- This leaves our available funds for FY21-22 at \$14,325
- The report was approved.

C. MEMORIAL SQUARES UPDATING

- Jay Ball reported that the last four signs have been ordered.
- As he has not heard otherwise, Jay believes that all previous invoices have now been paid
- Jay noted that Jamie Luchini showed him the new poles that the DPW has for the squares and said they should be beginning the process of changing out poles and installing the signs soon.
- Dick Trier noted that he reached out to Tina Beauchaine and that the Blackstone Valley publication is looking forward to doing a feature on our efforts in the December issue.
- Tom Farley noted that we should also plan on an interview on the Northbridge Cable Station.

D. BATCHELLOR MEMORIAL AT BLACKSTONE VALLEY VETERAN'S HALL

- Jim Gallagher reported on his research on the Batchellor Family noting that there were three members of the family that were in the military around the time of the Revolutionary War.

- Discussion about refurbishment of the Batchellor plaque at the Veteran's Hall continued with Tom Farley agreeing to check with Tom at Whitinsville Monuments.

E. MONUMENT MAINTENANCE TO INCLUDE WWI ROCKDALE

- As Frank DeFazio was unable to attend this meeting, we should get a report on his efforts to contact Steve at Slotnick Memorials at our next meeting.

F. BENCH AT BUMA SQUARE

- Dick Trier presented an Estimate from Ward Leeds Renovations for the amount of \$675.
- He noted that Mike Leeds thought the cost might be higher depending on the condition of the existing supports and whether the old bolts could be removed easily.
- After considerable discussion, the following motion was made:
- **ACTION:** the motion was made and seconded (Trier/Gallagher) that we accept Mr. Leeds' estimate of \$675 with the understanding that the final bill would not exceed an overage of 20%. Unanimous approval.

F. OTHER PRIORITY PROJECT UPDATES

- Jim Gallagher noted that he has made some corrections and improvements in the "*Northbridge Soldiers' Memorials Trustees Report*" and would provide revised copies to the trustees as soon as possible.

G. COMMUNICATIONS/ CORRESPONDENCE

II. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday, November 9, 2021– 7:00PM, Town Hall

C. Adjournment: 7:42PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Trier

Richard T. Trier, Secretary

Approved: *11/09/21*
