

Trustees of War Memorials Meeting Minutes

Day, Date and Time: Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7pm

Place of Meeting: City Hall Auditorium, 62 Friend St.

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1. Call to Order/ Roll Call – Mayor Gove called to order at 7:05pm.

Present: Mayor Kassandra Gove, Paul Jancewicz (Jancy), Paul Cote, James DeMars, Tom Champion

Absent: Ski Iworsky

Mayor Gove read the Trustees mission. The "Board," shall have charge and control of the construction of any memorial in Amesbury commemorating the services and sacrifices of soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen who are veterans of war, or persons who have rendered military service for the commonwealth in time of war, and the Board shall have custody and care of such memorials after their construction.

2. Public Comment- none

3. Approval of Minutes- January 11, 2024

- Motion to approve minutes from January 11, 2024 by Jancy
 - Second by Paul Cote
 - Unanimous approval

4. Rotary Flags for Heros Event

- This is a Rotary Club event and they do it in other communities.
- They are seeking approval to use Justin Memorial Park.
- Memorial Day to Flag Day- Set up on May 25th, Fly through June 14th. Take them down on Sat. June 15th.
- Discussion ensued about permanent bricks display and using this event to gauge interest in support of our endeavor. Mayor Gove to look into this.
- Motion to approve the use of the lawn at Justin Park Memorial for Flags for Heros hosted by the Rotary Club by Tom Champion
 - Seconded by Jancy
 - Unanimous approval

5. Financials

- Trust Fund (principal \$3,000 with \$14,626.61 interest)- Current Balance: \$17,626.61. This fund is to be used for the care of the Soldiers' Memorials (WWII, Korea and Vietnam) that were moved to Justin Park.
- RESTOR: Current Balance: \$15,625.15- This Fund is to be used for the care and restoration of all City War Memorials.

6. Care/Custody discussion of monuments

- Jancy to explore a person to preserve (tarp, shrink wrap) Franco-American monument. Discussion about shrink-wrapping options. Follow up on this: This may be good for the future but not necessary this year.

7. Maintenance Updates/Additional Needs

- Flag Poles- Rocky Hill and Franco-American need maintenance. Mayor Gove to follow up with Jeremiah at Veterans Services RE: finding someone to work on these poles.
- Paving at Justin Park needs to be pressure washed. Group would like to see a future brick walkway with donors as a project in this area.
- DPW to power wash walkway at Justin Park after April 1st
- Dudley Farquar, Vietnam Veteran to present brick project at upcoming meeting. Jancy to arrange this.
- Rogers Funeral Home- discussion about cutting hedges back at the Highlands Honor Roll (Sumner Goldsmith Park). Tom Champion to speak to them.
- Mayor Gove to send various thank you's.
- Paul Cote discussed what if anything should be done for Memorial Day. Karen at Cider Hill places the urns at the Doughboy. There is still a cracked one that needs to be fixed.
- Discussion about James Demars authorizing the purchase of an urn. Jancy offered to donate something. James and Jancy will work together.
- Mayor discussed speaking at Memorial event.

8. Set next meeting date: May 9, 2024 at 6pm at City Hall Auditorium

9. Adjourn- 7:34pm

Motion to adjourn James DeMars

Second Tom Champion

Unanimous approval

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Casey, Chief of Staff

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