

Trustees of War Memorials Meeting Minutes

Day, Date and Time: Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6pm

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

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call – Mayor Gove called to order at 7:09pm.

Present: Mayor Cassandra Gove, Paul Jancewicz (Jancy), Paul Cote, Ski Iworsky

Tom Champion arrived at 6:20pm

Absent: James DeMars

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By City Clerk at 8:27 am, Oct 09, 2024

2. Approval of Minutes- March 14, 2024

- Motion to approve minutes from March 14, 2024 by Paul Cote
 - Second by Jancy
 - Unanimous approval

3. Memorial Day in Review

- The group discussed the success of the day, stating that it was one of the best.
- Jancy discussed some flags not being at half-mast.
 - Jeremiah Murphy, Veterans Services stated that only one flagpole in the city is required to be at half-mast. The keys to that flagpole were turned over to us years ago. Justin Park is outside of our jurisdiction.
- The group discussed urns. Jancy thanked Karen Cook for planting the urns and Scott Winters for watering them.
- Jancy also thanked Jeremiah Murphy and Veterans Services for their efforts.
- Jancy encouraged Amesbury youth to get involved in placing flags on servicemen/women graves.
- Paul Cote praised the Rotary Club flags and encouraged them to continue their efforts.
- Mark LaPointe was praised as the guest speaker of the event and is in conversation with Veterans' Services for future programs.

4. Financials

- Financials have not changed since the March 4, 2024 meeting.
- 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.

5. Care/Custody discussion of monuments

- Jancy sent an update to the group provided by Steve Klomps, Amesbury Historical Commission RE: care and custody of the Civil War soldiers memorial. Please see attached cemetery record.
- Discussion about restoration of the 75-millimeter cannon.
- Mayor Gove announced that the Justin Memorial walkway was power washed by Public Works staff.
- Hedges around the Sumner Goldsmith Park were trimmed by Tom Champion and Jim.

6. Maintenance Updates/Additional Needs

- Jeremiah Murphy presented a document inventorying Flag Poles Maintenance is who is going to supply the flags, raise and lower. See attached and below for additional notes:

- Rocky Hill Road
 - hardware needs to be repaired and could use repaint
- Polish Memorial
 - Polish Club pays for POW and State flag
 - Bob Smith is the contact
 - Veterans' Office did just give them a new POW flag
- Friend St (McNeil Traffic)
 - wooden pole in need of painting
 - Not sure if it has a flag on it now
 - This used to be the main observance pole for the city
- Friend Street/Franco American Memorial (Meeting House)
 - Metal pole needs to be stripped and repainted
- Fire Station
 - This is now the main flag for observance by the city
 - No maintenance needs
- Union Cemetery (3 poles)
 - Fire Dept., American Legion, and we're not sure about the 3rd
- Training Field (Monroe)
 - older wooden pole
 - no flag
 - fittings need to be replace and needs paint
- Costello Center (Jordan Shay)
 - No maintenance needs
- Highlands Memorial Park
 - maintained by Rogers Funeral Home (pole/flag only, not the grounds)
 - No maintenance needs
- Alliance Park
 - Veterans' Office assists with maintenance due to lack of funding from AIA
- Amesbury Boat ramp
 - Veterans' Office keeps an eye on this one, local volunteers seem to be helping
- Amesbury Library
 - Veterans' Office helps

Flags NOT on the list

- Schools
 - Ski discussed flag poles at the schools.
- Town Park at Randall & Packer Field
 - Little League is responsible for the flag at Town Park. Mayor Gove discussed the regulations of the arrangement. A plaque is to be installed to recognize their ownership.
- Town Park- Skate Park.
- Landry- City owns but the schools help maintain.

Maintenance & Next Steps

- Mayor Gove asked if Jeremiah knows of a company that will restore all of the poles. Jeremiah has reached out to Prime Coatings in Salisbury. He will reach out to Wayne Capolupo.
- Jeremiah mentioned that the 3rd graders at the elementary schools help w flags at Mt. Prospect, but they were unable to do it this year.

- Jeremiah wants to coordinate with the High School as well. He had one HS student volunteer this year for community service.
- Group agreed that flag poles will be an area of focus moving forward.
- Jancy said that the cannon in Mt. Prospect will have to be addressed due to rust.

7. Set next meeting date: August 15, 2024 at 6pm at City Hall Auditorium

8. Adjourn- 7:41pm

Motion to adjourn Paul Cote

Second Jancy

Unanimous approval

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Casey, Chief of Staff

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Approved on: 10/8/2024

AMESBURY FLAGPOLE LOCATIONS:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>FUNDING RESPONSIBILITY</u>
Rockly Hill Road	Veterans Office	Veterans Office
Polish Memorial / Market St.	VFW / Polish American Cub	VFW / Polish American Club
Friend Street (McNeill Traffic Circle)	Fire, Police, City Hall	Fire, Police, City Hall
Friend Street - Meeting House	Jutras Funeral Home	Jutras Funeral Home
Fire Station	Fire Department	Fire Department
Union Cemetery (3 Poles)	Veterans Office	Veterans Office
Training Field (Munroe St.)	Veterans Office	Veterans Office
Senior Center	Veterans Office	Veterans Office
Highlands Memorial Park	Rogers Funeral Home	Rogers Funeral Home
Alliance Park	Ames Improv Society	Ames Improv Society
Amesbury Boat Ramp	Veterans Office	Veterans Office
Amesbury Library	Amesbury Library	Amesbury Library

There is no longer a working flagpole at the Town Hall Annex or the Fire Station