

Trustees of War Memorials Meeting Minutes

Day, Date and Time: Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6pm

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

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By City Clerk at 3:13 pm, May 28, 2024

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call – Mayor Gove called to order at 6:04pm
Present: Mayor Kassandra Gove, Paul Jancewicz, Ski Iworsky, Paul Cote,
Tom Champion arrived at 6:10pm.
Absent: James DeMars

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. Approval of Minutes- October 5, 2023
 - Paul Jancewicz requested the correction of 2 names- Frances Justin and Bob Bastien
 - Motion to approve minutes from October 5, 2023 by Paul Cote
 - Second by Ski Iworsky
 - Unanimous approval
3. Public Comment- none
4. Financials
 - Trust Fund (principal \$3,000 with \$14,365.31 interest)- Current Balance: \$17,365.31. 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
 - Mayor Gove presented a document to the Trustees, and the Trustees began to inventory.
 - More research needs to be done on the Civil War Soldiers Memorial, Spanish-American War Memorial, American Legion Memorial, VFW Memorial/Richard O'Brien, 1st Lt. Derek Hines Bridge, Disabled American Veterans.
 - Paul Jancewicz has sent information to the group, and it requires further review. This will remain on the agenda for our next meeting.
6. Maintenance Updates/Additional Needs
 - New benches donated by American Legion and VFW were placed at William B Justin Park- approx. \$7,200 each. Price was reduced from approx. \$9,000 pre-pandemic.
 - Plaque placed in new cement and secured at William B Justin Park.
 - Paul Cote suggested that Mayor Gove send a thank you on behalf of the Trustees to Commander John Clifford, VFW 2016, PO Box 107, Amesbury and Gary Eichenlaub, American Legion Post 187, 71 Kimball Rd., Amesbury.
 - Paul Jancewicz to explore a person to preserve (tarp, shrink wrap) Franco-American monument. Discussion about shrink-wrapping options.
 - OPTIONS:
 1. Find someone willing to donate
 2. Find someone to do it at cost.

3. Assign not to exceed

- Mayor Gove placed solar lights at various monuments. She is also exploring lighting for the flags.
- Mayor Gove mentioned Paul Cote's inquiry about DPW having a power washer. No answer yet.
- Paul Cote inquired about the Fire Department regularly rinsing the Doughboy. Mayor Gove reported that the Fire Department did rinse the Doughboy.
- Paul Cote recommended that the Trustees develop a 2024 maintenance plan.
- Mayor Gove recommended that all Trustees accomplishments are included in the Annual Report to be released in September 2024.

7. Set next meeting date: March 14, 2024 at 6pm at City Hall Auditorium

8. Adjourn- 6:32pm

Motion to adjourn Ski Iworsky

Second Paul Cote

Unanimous approval

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Casey, Chief of Staff

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