

Trustees of War Memorials Meeting Minutes

Day, Date and Time: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6pm

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

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call – Mayor Gove called to order at 6:04pm.

Present: Mayor Cassandra Gove, Paul Jancewicz (Jancy), Paul Cote, Ski Iworsky,
Tom Champion arrived at 6:15pm

Absent: James DeMars

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gove read 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.

3. Public Comment

- Jeremiah Murphy, VSO, 68 Elm St. Amesbury- gave an update on adding John Picard to the Amesbury Servicemen Memorial Honor Roll at Justin Memorial. He will reach out to a new vendor and should be able to have this done in the next few weeks.

4. Approval of Minutes- December 3, 2024

- Motion to approve minutes by Paul Cote
- Seconded by Ski Iworsky
- Unanimous approval

5. Financials

- There has been no changes to the financials since the December 3, 2024 meeting.
- Trust Fund (principal \$3,000 with \$14,758.33 interest)- Current Balance: \$17,758.33. 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.
- Mayor Gove to follow up with Post Commander of the Legion RE: transition of Legion funds.

6. Veterans' Heritage Grant Program

- Awarded \$5,000 on Dec. 27, 2024 to refurbish the Rocky Hill Memorial flagpole. This is a \$10,000 project with \$5,000 match (cash or in-kind).
- The administration will send out a press release once the paperwork has been sent to us by the Archivist of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Tom and Paul Cote will continue to work on the quotations and timelines.
- Ann Marie Casey will add this grant to a memo to Council, reporting donations \$5,000 and under

7. Maintenance Updates/Additional Needs

- Flagpoles
 - The administration has developed a Flagpole Stewardship Application to be responsible for raising and lowering the city's flags. The Mayor has received some

applications but has not yet formally made assignments. We are learning more about the poles, and this is a great opportunity.

- Fire memorial and American Legion?
- Flags will be at half-staff through Jan. 28th to honor President Carter.
- There are approx.. 25-30 flag orders issued via the State House Flag Notifications each year.

- Potential Tour
 - Paul Cote said the tour with Peter Rossi III, PR Monuments, Gloucester will be organized in warmer weather.

8. Purple Heart City Design- Victoria Feger

- The City must determine the date & location, write a proclamation, plan a ceremony, and then send a copy of the proclamation to purpleheart.org for inclusion on their designated cities list.
- Jeremiah Murphy has some ideas and will work with the Trustees.
- Paul Cote requested a list of Amesbury Veterans who have been awarded a Purple Heart. Jeremiah does not have a list, but the Purple Heart organization may have a list. Jeremiah recommended that once we have an event planned, we could put out a call for Purple Heart Recipients to attend. Jeremiah to do some research via discharge papers and Secretary of State's office.
- The City would need to purchase signage from Purple Heart.
- The conversation concluded with Mayor Gove requesting the Trustees to do their own research and look at what other communities are doing.

9. Set next meeting date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6pm at City Hall Auditorium

10. Adjourn- 6:39pm

Motion to adjourn Paul Cote

Second Paul Jancewicz (Jancy)

Unanimous approval

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Casey, Chief of Staff

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