

TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS MEMORIALS

MINUTES OF MEETING, May 1, 2024

5PM

Call to Order by Chairman Bill Phelps at 5pm at the John Zon Center, 35 Pleasant St., Greenfield

Pledge of Allegiance: All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Bill Phelps, Sandy Magill, Dave Lewis

Members Absent: John Ambo (ill) Gary Longley Out of area at another meeting

Old Business: Discussion of a new monument was continued. The need for the cost of any item more than \$5,000 is to go out to bid. It is not mandatory to take the lowest bidder.

Election of Officers: Chairman: Bill Phelps Secretary: Sandy Magill

New Business: The committee reviewed a letter to be sent to Greenfield Savings bank thanking them for their support and care of the Spanish War Memorial with a copy to the Recorder for publication. The bank will landscape and add new lighting at the monument. Discussion of location of the new memorial was initiated: Location to the right of the Vietnam memorial, 9' in and 19' from the VN Memorial. This would leave room for an additional memorial if necessary in the future. One bush will need to be removed with permission from the town. The size of the one we examined was 3 feet X 55 /58 inches. A possible design would include an introductory sentence. A list of wars would be listed for one section of the monument: Lebanon, Granada, Persian Gulf, Panama, Somalia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Afghanistan, and Iraq. The monument would have the shields of the services: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

Chris Demars reported that the cost of any item more than \$5,000 is to go out to bid. It is not mandatory to take the lowest bidder. He will look into possible funding.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held June 5, 2024 at 5pm at the John Zon Center. Agendas and Minutes will be sent via email. Please forward any agenda topics to capt.magill2@gmail.com.

Planning Ahead: Trustees are requested to bring ideas for an introductory phrase/sentence for the monument at the next meeting. If any trustee has any questions, please contact Sandy or Bill.

Executive Session: NONE

Adjourned: 5:47pm

Respectfully submitted,

Per email

Sandy Magill, Secretary