

TRUSTEES OF THE SOLDIERS MEMORIALS

MINUTES OF MEETING, September 4, 2024

John Zon Center, 35 Pleasant St., Greenfield, MA

Call to Order by Chairperson Bill Phelps at 5 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Bill Phelps, Dave Lewis, John Ambo, and Gary Longley. **Also present:** Chris Demars

Members Absent: Excused, Sandy Magill

Election of Officers: N/A

Prior Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on August 7, 2024 were accepted as read by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

The monument design and inscription voted at the August meeting was briefly discussed and reaffirmed.

Discussion regarding the viability of having a Homer Gun monument installed at Vet's Field. It was determined that the monument's sharp edges would be a safety issue and therefore not a good fit for Vet's Field.

The raising of the POW/MIA flag on the City Common flagpole for the month of November 2024, "Veterans Appreciation Month", was confirmed with the Mayor's Office and City DPW by Gary Longley and Chris Demars.

New Business:

Chair Phelps visited Negus & Taylor Monuments to get a preliminary estimate of what the monument accepted at the last meeting would cost. The estimate was \$ 13,400. Chris Demars will solicit two more bids and inquire if there are any grant monies available for this monument. It was mentioned that the bids should include the cost of installation. Also, to request a "proof" so we can confirm what the final product will look like.

The members discussed the timeline or goal for the unveiling of the new monument. After a short discussion on various dates/occasions, the date of consensus was Memorial Day, May 30, 2025. A motion to use this date was accepted by unanimous vote.

Gary Longley took minutes of the meeting in the absence of Sandy Magill.

Meeting Schedule: Meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on October 2, 2024 at 5 p.m. at the John Zon Center 35, Pleasant St Greenfield, MA.

Please forward any questions to Sandy Magill at capt.magill2@gmail.com.

Adjourned: 5:32 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Magill