

Veterans Affairs Task Force

Second Meeting March 4, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Municipal Office Building - Lg. Conference Room & Zoom #827 9987 9416

Members by Zoom: E. Bernard Plante, John Nolan

Members in Person: Robert Roy, Stuart Mulhane, Ronald Stacey, Shelly Gannon, Mary Krumsiek, Stephen Marden.

Others Attending: Keith Gasco (appointment comes complete March 6, 2021), Sean Hendricks – Town Manager, Justine Caggiano –Human Resources and Jayne Marie Davolio – Town Clerk

The meeting began at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

First agenda item: approval of minutes from the organizational meeting on February 11, 2021. No corrections were needed Mary Krumsiek made the motion to approve seconded by Bernie Plante, roll call vote was taken and all were in favor.

Second agenda item: Update on the wagon wheels for the cannon monument at the end of Bicentennial Way. Jayne Marie Davolio- Town Clerk spoke with Kristen Livotti the Director of the Asa Waters Mansion. The wheels are primed and sandblasted along with the metal spoke cups and the metal hubs. However, the wheels are unpainted and we may do the painting ourselves. The Wheels should be in at the end of March beginning of April.

Third agenda item: Update on the finances from Justine Caggiano, Human Resources.

The warrant article that the committee has to spend within 2 years from approval at the last town meeting is \$17,500.00. There will be a warrant article on this town meeting warrant in May for \$6500.00 for the Veterans to use for monuments and upkeep.

Fourth agenda item: Discussion took place on the grant application. Justine spoke to the fact that we will need to match the amount that we get for the grant and that we would put a warrant article on this town meeting. Bob Roy asked if we could use our money to match the grant from what is in our account. Sean Hendricks the Town Manager stated that yes; you would use the funds that you have allotted to you before we go to town meeting.

Keith Gasco spoke that he and Justine went over the grant and cleaning is not an item that the grant will approve. Bob Roy put out to the task force to apply for the grant for education purposes to place bronze plaques with the listing of the veterans in the cemeteries. The task force discussed this idea and all agreed that this would be a good way to start with a grant. Mary Krumsiek made a motion "to have Justine go forward with the grant for educational purposes for bronze plaques with the veterans name to be fixed at the entrance of each of the cemeteries". Stuart Mulhane seconded the vote, a roll call vote took place and all were in favor.

Stuart Mulhane then spoke to the task force about the monuments that Keith Gasco went out and surveyed. There are 30 plaques with veteran squares, with two newer ones at Grafton Street and Millbury and Howe Avenue. He spoke to a company that said Restoration is what is needed not the cleaning of the monuments. This would be a summer project and the company quoted \$30.00 dollars a base, which is \$900.00 and \$300.00 per bronze plaque that would be \$9000.00. Grand total would be \$9900.00 dollars. Bob Roy spoke that we would need to get quotes. If the task force went through with the project that would leave \$7600.00 in the account. Stuart offered after discussion about the project to get a document from the company concerning the process of the work and the products that they use, and what upkeep the task force will need to go forward with after the project is complete.

Ron Stacey asked questions about how to get a marker and about gravestones that he saw broken and on the ground of veterans. Bernie said that Jim Smith just did a project in Sutton with gravestones and Mary Krumsiek said she would reach out to him and see what the project details are and will reach out to the Sutton historical committee.

In order to attain a Veterans grave marker for a cemetery plot you need to fill out the VA form 40-1330 with the government and you need the dates of service for the veteran. The form for a medallion is 40-1330M. Sean Hendricks asked the clerk to note this in the minutes for all veterans or their families.

Fifth agenda item: Date of the next meeting will be the first Thursday of April and the time of the meeting will be 7:00 pm. The meeting place will be in the Large Conference at the Municipal Building.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mary Krumsiek and seconded by Shelly Gagnon, all in favor and roll call vote taken. Adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:40 PM

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Town of Millbury Mr. Stuart Mulhane

RE: Bronze Plaque Restoration

In response to your request for a quote to restore the memorial squares, my suggestion would be to clean the posts first then do the restoration of the plaques. The cost of the project would be the following:

Cleaning the 30 granite posts \$900.00

Restoring the 30 bronze plaques \$9000.00

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 755-4035 or email Rexmonuments@verizon.net

Respectfully,

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