

David Viera, Chairman
Robert DeFontes, Vice Chairman
David Sullivan, Member
Vidal DeMedeiros, Member
Joe Valardo, Member
Doreen Taylor, President, Friends of the Seekonk Veterans Memorial
Mark Drapeau, Vice President, Friends of the Seekonk Veterans Memorial/Designer & Engineer

Audience Members: Susan Mallon
Bobby Young
Roland Metivier
David Araujo

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Chairman's Remarks-David Viera informed the Committee the contract had been approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen with Structural Stone, North Kingstown, RI. The Seekonk Lions Club donation in the amount of \$12,000.00 was accepted by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee will acknowledge a personal thank you. The project is on task for dedication 5/28/2016.

Discussion took place regarding: invitations to dedication, placement of roses, means to put up the flag poles. David Viera and/or Joe Valardo believe the flag sizes should be as follows:

American Flag 6x10
State Flag 5x8
POW Flag 5x8

Last Wednesday's discussion obtained approval to open the road and look for water tie in. Joe Valardo to meet with David Cabral 2/17.

Rockwell Amusements is going to hold their annual carnival on the Sam's Club site. They have announced that Friends of the Seekonk Veterans Memorial Park would be their choice for donation this year.

Construction List added \$3,500 to be allocated for miscellaneous expenses in the event something gets missed.

Leo Marshal has offered concrete valued at \$9,000.00 to be used on site.
Don Conti of Structural Stone is donating a bench at no cost.

Paver Updates-Doreen Taylor provided the Committee with pavers sold and described the process between herself and Mark Drapeau. Mark Drapeau as Designer/Engineer is working with the engraving process but is unavailable for this meeting.

Commemorative Thank You Cards initial purchase (approximately 50)
JV/RD – Motion made and seconded to get the thank you cards. Vote: 5-0 approved

Vidal DeMedeiros expressed interest in donating the center star to be engraved with the names of his (2) sons who are currently active Marines. Mr. DeMedeiros will make the star himself as it is his profession. It will be white and will take the space of 22 blocks which will take the brick laying 3 rows beyond the original. Mr. DeMedeiros to work with Don Conti at Structural.

Joe Valardo provided an update on the Bench List

Robert DeFontes provided an update on Dedication Plans
Seekonk High School Band, Military Bugler (Echoed), inviting the Governor and Lt. Governor.
The 5 Branches represented in full dress uniforms. Letter being sent to Reserve Corp.
A presentation of a Memorial Wreath and a release of white doves.

Doreen Taylor provided an update of financing available as of meeting time. Copy attached.

Joe Valardo said a meeting is scheduled with Shawn Cadime and Dave Cabral on 2/17/2016 to discuss the water tie in for the sprinkler system. He said that Seekonk Supply (Matt Quirk) is providing the electrical vault (box) valued at approximately \$600.00.

Further discussion took place about a decorative rock near the electrical box. Mr. Valardo thinks it would cost approximately (\$200-\$250). The consensus of the Committee was no.

Mark Drapeau will be designing the permanent signage.

Roland Metivier volunteered to use his equipment for tree stump removal.

Discussion took place about the spacing of the 6x12 pavers. Mr. Drapeau believes it proper to provide 4 lines 18 characters on each line. The Committee agreed. Friends of the Veterans Memorial Park will contact buyers for revisions.

Discussion took place about moving the military artifacts currently outside Town Hall.
DS/RD Motioned and seconded to leave those artifacts at Town Hall. Vote: 5-0 approved

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30pm