

Vietnam Memorial Committee

Community Development Room and Zoom Video Conf, 5:00 PM

Meeting Notes –April 19, 2023

ENCL 1: Donation Record

ENCL 2: Photo of granite block forklift

ENCL 3: Photo of granite block truck

Present:

Jerry Guthrie (Chairman/Veteran); Douglas Cave (Vice Chairman/Recorder/VFW); Gene Gregory (Veteran); Rodney Dellafelice (Conservation Commission) {left at 5:40 p.m.}, Rick Mossey (Veteran/1st Congregational Church Member); John Weidman (Professional Sculptor / Technical Advisor).

Minutes from last meeting:

- Minutes from 3/29/2023 Reviewed: Rick made a motion to accept, Gene seconded. Rick, Gene, Rodney, Jerry, and Doug approve the minutes.

1. Fund Raising:

- Donation checks should be made out to “Vietnam Memorial”, and are being collected by Tina Philbrick in the Town Hall. Checks are preferred, however, cash can be accepted but will need to be converted into a Money Order before it is submitted to Town Hall for final deposit.
- Go Fund Me website:
 - No change
- Donations collected:
 - Collection breakdown:
 - Vietnam Memorial donations pledged, held by the town, and Go Fund Me:
 - Estimate: \$54,984.13 (ENCL 1)
 - Freedom Memorial and Vietnam Memorial Donations are combined.
 - Freedom Memorial has a total of \$168.
- Public Donation Sign (Thermometer):
 - We should get the Thermometer Sign ready to put in Memorial Park.
 - Plan for 4’-5’ X 2’ sign
 - Expect sign to be like the one at the top of Keys Field
 - Will need town approval
- Bricks:
 - Sold 7 more bricks (Gene 2 and Jerry 5): total 56 bricks.
 - Expect sales to start increasing.
 - Doug will contact the State VFW to include info about brick sales.
 - Brick order forms were sent to the 1st Congregational church members.
- T-Shirts:
 - Shirts will be ordered as needed directly from “Varsitee Ink” by emailing: info@varsiteeink.com or calling 603-889-7355. Any money over the cost of the shirts will be returned to us for the memorial. Credit or debit card may be used when ordering shirts, or bricks by phone.

- Facebook:
 - Chris Gentry will try to help with Facebook by posting pictures and promotional info. We will need to send him what we want to posted.
- Pumpkin Festival:
 - Rodney will start asking questions about this year's festival.
- Donation Prospects:
 - The big donors will be identified on the memorial pillar, or on granite bricks on the ground. Will have a better idea when we are able to determine our definition of a big donor.
 - Donor Contacts:
 - Jerry met with Jane Provence (member of the Lordon family). The family will discuss donation, and get back with us.
 - Kaley Fund:
 - Will send a "Thank You Letter" for funding the granite block being cut into slabs.
 - Hitchiner –Paul contacted them, but has not heard back.
 - Heritage Commission – POC is Mark.
 - Airmar – Rick will contact.
 - Plan to contact the large companies in town for donations.
 - American Legion – Are raising money for a future donation.
 - Local Churches – Distributing brochures for project awareness and donations.
 - Rick contacted the church on Merrimack Rd. to see if they were interested in donating.
 - Jerry contacted the Methodist Church and is waiting to formalize a meeting.
 - Boy Scout – Mike Carter is our POC.
 - Traveling breakfast at town churches.
 - Will wait for COVID to slow down before trying this.
 - An info poster and brochure were put on display in the Town Hall.
 - Rodney suggested we contact "Chronical NH" to see if they would cover our project.
 - This is a good idea but because we do not have anything to film, it might be difficult to make a show about it.

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2. Memorial:

- Alpha Roster:
 - Add to Roster:
 - Needs to be updated to include the names of those who were removed. Will now include all residents who served in the military during the Vietnam War.
 - Available on the town website under Vietnam Memorial Committee.
 - Robert Ollikainen:
 - Was not born in Milford. His family lived in Milford, but he was born after the family moved to Michigan.
 - Will discuss at next meeting.
 - Name Engraving:
 - Gene raised a question about the cost of name engraving.

- Discussion was tabled. Will discuss if situation dictates.
- Granite:
 - Tonella Quarry:
 - The DeMontigny family is willing to store the granite on their property until we are able to move it to town property.
 - Town Granite:
 - The process for Jim Larson to start cutting the granite blocks into slabs has been completed, and the blocks have been delivered to the Andres Institute of Art. (ENCL 2) & (ENCL 3)
 - Expect cutting to be finished sometime in June.
 - Need to pick the font for engraving. John will provide samples.
 - The cost may necessitate a bidding process.
 - We may be able to use some of this stone for the Global War on Terrorism Memorial.
 - Granite for Book Section:
 - Contacted Tony Ramos concerning cost and transportation.
- Foundation:
 - Will contact DPW Leo Lessard when ready for this phase.
 - Shoreline permit:
 - The Conservation Committee suggested that we petition the Selectmen to request a waiver to build within 25' to the water. Their approval negates the need to request a waiver, and we can proceed. Otherwise, we will need approval.
- Global War on Terrorism Memorial (GWTM):
 - Memorial Name:
 - To identify the memorial's intent more accurately, a name change has been proposed.
 - Doug made a motion to rename it the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Gene seconded.
 - Doug, Gene, Jerry, John, Rodney and Rick agree, motion passed.
 - Steel Beams:
 - John will evaluate if material at the South St. gas station is suitable.
 - Will need 3, seven-foot-tall beams for the project. The town will help and will cut beams to our specifications.
 - Go Fund Me:
 - Will plan to start a Go Fund Me account for this project.
 - Foundation:
 - Will use concrete for the foundation, 5' by 5 1/2' footprint.
 - We have a large stone for the base.

3. Administrative:

- Town website:
 - Tina Philbrick will update as needed.
- The Park and Rec Committee have an event planned at Keys Field on July 1st this year. If we wanted, we could set up a booth from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Right now, summer schedules are set and we will have trouble staffing a booth.
 - Will discuss at next meeting.
- Milford Cabinet:
 - The Cabinet's archives may have articles about people going to Vietnam. Bonnie Gondola may be able to help verify the Alpha Roster only those who served in Vietnam.
 - On hold, need to discuss the list.
- Project timeline:
 - Anticipate having the memorial complete by Memorial Day of 2025 marking the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.
- VFW Commander:
 - The VFW Commander Wayne Mosier would like to attend out next meeting concerning non-combat veterans being listed on the memorial.
 - If possible, we can somehow identify combat veterans.

Next Scheduled Meetings: May 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and June 7, 2023 in the Community Development room, and by Zoom.

Motion to adjourn made by Rick, Gene seconded: Rick, Gene, Doug, John, and Jerry agree.

Meeting ended 6:00 p.m.



Douglas Cave

Vice Chairman/Recorder/VFW Representative

Vietnam and Global War on Terrorism Memorial Donations

50 Paul & Carol Walvatne
 50 The Jeanne M Donnelly Rev. Trust
 100 Milford Assembly No. 1507
 50 Ron Young Drywall & Wall Finishing
 122 Voters of Milford
 110 Voters of Milford
 25 The Chalmers Family Rev. Trust
 60 B.G. White
 50 Leopold & Diane Bergeron
 150 Gary McCartney
 500 Milford Lions Charities
 100 Allen & Betsy White
 100 B.G. White
 100 Jay & Janet Gangloff
 50 Hollis Memorial Post 11373
 50 Ann and Michael Goci
 50 Zachariah & Elizabeth Tripp
 50 Jackson Family Revocable Trust
 100 Mary Kelly Carter Trust
 100 Jane E. Provins Rev. Trust of 1999
 50 Larry Buretta
 50 Debra and George Sherman
 50 David Dipalma
 50 Matthew Lewis
 50 Philip and Janice Nurmi
 50 The Chalmers Family Rev. Trust
 100 John and Elizabeth McCartney
 50 Regina and Kevin Vibert
 50 Robert and Andrea Carey
 75 Denise and Ray Long
 50 Cashiers Check Citizens bank
 50 Susan R. Niquette
 250 Robert & Sandra Tuthill
 50 P. Linn
 733 bank check

3805 York Ave N. Robbinsdale, MN 55422
 27 Josiah Bartlett Rd., Amherst NH 03031
 P.O. Box 176, Amherst NH 03031
 19 Franklin St., Milford NH 03055

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93 Falcon Ridge Rd., Milford NH 03055
 54 Reserve Way, Milford, NH 03055
 59 Souhegan St., Milford NH 03055
 35 Chestnut St., Milford NH 03055
 PO Box 274, Milford NH 03055
 54 Reserve Way, Milford, NH 03055
 54 Reserve Way, Milford, NH 03055
 5013 Priscilla Loop, The Villages, FL 32163
 PO box 1012, Hollis NH 03049
 36 Souhegan St., Milford NH 03055
 32 Boxwood Circle, Milford NH 03055
 120 Foster Rd, Milford NH 03055
 58 Hartshorn Mill Rd., Milford NH 03055
 113 North Mason Rd., Brookline, NH 03033
 8 Berry Ct., Milford NH 03055
 43 Westview Rd., Brookline, NH 03033
 213 Stable Rd., Milford, NH 03055
 90 Concord Stage Rd., Weare, NH 03281
 26 Melendy Rd., #18, Milford, NH 03055
 93 Falcon Ridge Rd., Milford NH 03055
 75 Webster St., Milford NH 03055
 62 Hazen Rd., Milford NH 03055
 40 Plymouth Rd., Longmeadow, MA 01106
 11 Bearberry Path, Plymouth, MA 02360

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 \$450 donor
 Craig & Lo
 2 bricks

37 E Ridge Drive Apt. 1, Milford NH 03055
 45 Colburn Road, Milford NH 03055

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42,984.13
 + 5,000
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 \$54,984.13

Granite Block Being Moved



ENCL 2

Loading Granite Block



ENCL 3