

Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting Minutes  
Town of Jonesport  
January 9, 2024

**Attendees:**

Present: Harry Fish, Diane Smith, Cynthia Beauvais. On Zoom: Aaron Dennis, Joyce Dvorak, Al Grignon

The Minutes of the December 12 meeting were accepted as written.

**Discussion:**

A wide-ranging discussion of various topics of concern or interest was conducted. Highlights of the discussion are captured in the meeting notes below.

- Irene requested a sketch/picture of the future memorial for this year's town book.
- The stones have been ordered. No estimated time of arrival as of now. Town hasn't been invoiced yet.
- Plot plan will be drawn up soon showing the monument, 6 service branch stones and 3 flag poles using CAD software.
- About one month before delivery of the monument, foundations will be installed. Carver and Moraisey will be contacted for bids.
  - Question raised if Moraisey has valid permits to do waterfront work. Al will confirm this.
  - Al to discuss with Elias Monuments dimensions needed for setting the monument base and service stones.
- Having adequate security for the monument is a good idea. Maybe a webcam something can be set up at PO or on flagpole. Several ideas were discussed.
- Question was raised if liability would be covered by the Town since 17 High St is a town lot. Harry will inquire, but the expectation is that the Town is covered.
- A duty roster was suggested for observing flag etiquette adherence.
- State Veterans groups should be notified of the new memorial. Perhaps will be the best to follow-up on this as he seems to be best connected to the various State groups.
- Budget updated to reflect \$3000 for handicapped accessible paved parking spot by memorial.
- Material storage: stones will be stored at Elias Monuments in Madison until delivery. Flag poles may be stored at Sandy River Beach shed. Harry will check building dimensions [poles (2) 24 ft & (1) 25 ft].
- Benches on the property would be a good addition, although there are no funds reserved in the budget.
  - Cole's Transportation of Bangor will probably donate one bench. Al will confirm this. Private individuals have pledged to donate additional benches as well.
- Property lines: Diane procured a deed with info to assist in delineating the property lines.
- Fencing along the waterfront has been added to the budget.

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- Question about dirt work/erosion. Only stone foundation holes will be dug. No extensive earthwork planned.
- Question if flag poles will be fixed or pinned. AI will pursue this, pinned flagpoles preferable.
- Question of how many parking spots will there be for the joint use of JBGC and VM (in addition to the handicapped one nearby the memorial).
  - There appears to be room for about 4 if vehicles pull in directly towards the water just off High St.
- Diane stated the JBGC wants to know what the memorial is going to look like and how this will blend in with the community garden.
- Raised beds, where? What will be planted? Flowers, vegetables? The Select Board will have the final say according to Harry since this is town property.
- Sayings to be etched on monument are still being collected. Also need to consider engravings as well.
- Temporary sign stand: 1 quote was received. \$250 for materials and labor. Cynthia will contact this person to proceed with construction as committee approved the bid. (Sign has been printed and was picked up by Cynthia)

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 5pm, town office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.