

Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting Minutes
Town of Jonesport
October 10, 2023

Present: Al Grignon, Harry Fish, Diane Smith, Bill Plaskon, Aaron Dennis, Cynthia Beauvais

Minutes:

- As agreed in the meeting in May 2023, the Veterans Memorial group agreed there would no need to continue monthly meetings until a proper site could be found to place the Veterans Memorial. Consequently, there had been no meetings in June, July, August or September.
- In October, a new site property was found. The Select Board has been consulted and is in favor of the use of the High Street lot.
- The proposed site is located on High Street, behind the post office. This lot was donated to the town several years ago.
 - It was recently approved to be used by the Jonesport Beals Garden Club (JBGC) for a community garden.
 - The former owner also wanted the lot used for a veterans' or fisherman's memorial.
 - Diane/Reggie Smith have started to mow the proposed waterfront lot site in preparation for the garden.
- The lot would be divided roughly into three sections: 1/3 parking, 1/3 community garden, 1/3 veterans' memorial.
 - Two iron rods have been found on west side indicating the property line. No markers have been found on east side yet. No water well has been found on the lot. These are still matters that need to be addressed.
 - The proposed site for the Veterans' Memorial is the 1/3 of the property closest to the water.
 - The bank at the water's edge seems to be stable as of now. A barrier will be needed on this shorefront lot for safety reasons.
 - Electric lines are nearby for lighting the American flag and memorial if so decided.
- The memorial plan will be presented to Planning Board on October 17 to determine if any permits are required. Past research has been done on this lot for another purpose. Diane will see if this info can be found.
- Question was asked if there are any other potential sites available. The Hinkley property on the NW corner of Main and Fenney Streets was mentioned, but decided to take no further action at this time .
- Question was asked of who would pay for upgrading the shared parking lot. JBGC is looking into grants for this.
- Question raised if JBGC would be willing to help maintain the memorial. To be decided.
- The group had a discussion of the possibility putting a veteran's monument back on the "old high school" lot.
- To be decided exactly how this would be done, perhaps move one of the two memorial markers presently at the library to this location. Discussion was tabled until later.
- Al agreed to meet again with the monument company to get updated prices and timing for delivery and construction and to bring the information back to the Veterans Memorial group at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on November 14, 5:00pm, Town Office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.