

Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting Minutes  
Town of Jonesport  
February 13, 2024

**Attendees:**

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

The Minutes of the January 9th 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.

- Cynthia will see if there's still time to put proposed memorial layout in this year's town book.
- The memorial stones were checked as being ordered and are estimated to be available in July (for etching and engraving). Some paperwork with the vendor is still needing confirmation (which has since been completed).
- A plot plan was presented and discussed. This is a preliminary design. There is still time to adjust elements. Can still be reviewed at least until the holes are dug.
- Cynthia and Al will contact potential earthwork companies. Exact dimensions were acquired for holes/bases and will be passed along to selected contractor.
- Harry addressed that the liability issue may be resolved by adding 17 High Street to the Town's policy.
- Ike has contacted State Veterans groups, and this project was well received.
- It was discussed that the three planned flagpoles for the memorial should be hinged (pinned) at the ground level for easy maintenance.
  - > Ideally the flagpoles will be internal halyard type to reduce vandalism.
  - > The Sandy River Beach shed can house the flagpoles until installed.
- No estimate for benches was included in the memorial cost estimate. It was agreed that benches can be added once the memorial is established.
  - > Estimated cost for a granite bench is 2500\$.
  - > Al promised to contact Coles Transportation in Bangor to see if they would be interested in donating a granite bench once the monument is established.
- It was pointed out that there was some erosion to the lot during the January 10/13 storms.
- Sayings to be etched on center stone (front and back) were gone over.
  - Final choices will be decided at the April 9 meeting. Members were encouraged to think over carefully what will be written on the memorial – once engraved or etched, it's permanent.

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- Temporary memorial sign stand has been built. Installation pending.
- As of now, the estimated planned completion time is October for the majority of the project.
- Dedication ceremony was mentioned as something to start planning. Whom to invite? ... to be discussed in future meetings. DAR, Hannah Weston Chapter would like to be involved.
- Suggested that Nancy Beal be approached about writing an article to update the public on the progress being made. Cynthia will address this.

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 5:00 pm, town office and Zoom.

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