

Vietnam Memorial Committee

Meeting @ Banquet Hall /BOS, 6:05 PM

Meeting Notes – January 15, 2018

Present: Jerry Guthrie (Chairman), Lincoln Daley (Community Development Director), Rodney Dellafelice (Conservation Commission Representative), Paul Bartolomucci (Park and Recreation Committee), John Weidman and Troy Swanick (DPW representative)

Excused: Art Faint, Chris Faint and Bill Parker

Approval of Minutes: Lincoln Daley moved to accept the December 11, 2017 meeting minutes with amendments. Rodney Dellafelice seconded. We Voted in favor and passed the motion. Lincoln Daley moved to accept the January 8, 2018 meeting minutes as amendments. Rodney Dellafelice seconded. We Voted in favor and passed the motion.

Banquet Hall / BOS: Lincoln, Rodney and Jerry tried to summarize what we covered in our last meeting with Heather Goodsell and husband Dan from Picture This on Granite. We showed the poster that they designed for a starting point for our project. We handed out information given to us from last meeting with Heather. This was a good starting point and showed some ideas that we could be incorporating into our final designs. We all felt that maybe doing three or four concept designs would be a good idea and we could always narrow it down from there.

After some discussion about the information presented, we talked about reaching out to the community, getting information from the Board of Selectmen and how to market to the community. Lincoln stated that we should look at if we want a water feature, lighting and landscaping included in the design. We also talked about having music, people taking and a type of chip in the wall that could be used to get information to a person's phone. Rodney asked if one section of the memorial should be dedicated to all veterans. We talked about copyright, use of local imagery and having the two local men images etched into the wall or on a special dedication stone with a special tree planted for the fallen soldiers. John said the design should be simple as possible, Paul agreed. Lincoln said that abstractions can be nice. Paul thought we should emphasize the good in the wars and not show the bad parts of the wars. Jerry saw some importance of showing both side of the wars. People were agents the war, should we explain why?

We talked about what the theme of the design should be. For the most part we through out words that where important in defining what war is all about. We came up with words such as; honor, education, loyalty and sacrifice. Other words were duty, courage, values, divided, pride and hopeful among others. Lincoln and Paul both felt that the images should be family oriented. Honor those who served. POW's are important as the moto is "no one left behind". Freedom in not free. Should we show the loss and how? The wars have effected more than just the soldiers. We have family members, friends and so much more. We talked about

1 dedicating this to those who perished. Not offensive but educational maybe through audio.
2 We can learn from history.

3 It was brought up that we should have the insignias of the military branches as well as for the
4 police, fire and etc. Having written information such as POW's, deaths, NH deaths, starting and
5 ending dates. Give facts about what happened and show limited photographic imagery. Jerry
6 read some statistics from a book called "Monuments: America's history in art and memory" by
7 Judith Dupre'. In short, the wall in DC asks, what is the meaning of my life, an individuals and a
8 plea that their lives not be forgotten? The Vietnam War was the most divisive event in our
9 history since the Civil War. Ones reflection in the black granite wall is very moving and makes it
10 interactive. No military rank is given thus showing that all are equal in mortality. As of May
11 2005, 58,249 names are on the wall in DC. The Vietnam War was the first television war, first to
12 be broadcast in living rooms and first to show the grainy faces upon the American public. It
13 showed the symbol of loss, not war. Jerry talked about the Korean War memorial also from this
14 book to help explain the importance of memorials. Also, in the 9/11 event in NYC, at the twin
15 towers we lost 2,801 people.

16 Troy said we should look into a site behind the WW2 Memorial. Lincoln said he would check
17 out the site for size and report back at the next meeting. We did feel however that the site at
18 the Elm Street site was still a very good site for the memorial.

19 In Conclusion, we chose **February 5, 2018 @ 6:00 PM in the BOS room** for our next meeting.
20 John will show us his ideas and we hope to have three design ideas by March 13, 2018, so we
21 can show these to the town and get them on the website for people's comments. Lincoln will
22 check on funding for the memorial. How was the Labor Day Parade funding done? Next
23 meeting we hope to have our theme figured out and continue to work on the designs.

24 **Adjournment:** Rodney moved to adjourn the meeting. Lincoln seconded. All were in favor and
25 the motion passed. The meeting finished at 8:05 PM.

26 *MINUTES APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 5, 2018.*

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