

# **Vietnam Memorial Committee**

## **Meeting @ BOS, 6:00 PM**

### **Meeting Notes – February 5, 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:** Bill Parker

**Approval of Minutes:** Lincoln Daley moved to accept the January 15, 2018 meeting minutes as amended. John Weidman seconded. We Voted in favor and passed the motion.

**BOS meeting room:** The meeting started at 6:00 PM. Lincoln informed us he is working to get our minutes up on the website. John Weidman presented his thoughts on another idea for our memorial. He showed us his sketches for the shape of the wall. We liked his ideas and have asked him to take it to the next level. He explained the design would have wings that would be visible and then could fade away depending on time of day and lighting. The image would be there and then not. It would have a narrative and show continuous lifting. The stone used would be Milford granite with some Milford Tapestry stone used for accent. John said the pillars would represent stability and they were shown with a round granite ball on top. If we had a curved surface it would soften the piece. Jerry asked if this would increase the cost and John said he would work to keep the costs down. He wants to get this work completed.

We talked about moving this site to behind the WW2 Memorial and Paul Bartolomucci said most of the people he has talked to seemed to prefer the site we have selected. Troy also thought that the site behind the WW2 Memorial would be hard to get to and Jerry said it could be used at a later date for an expansion to the existing memorial.

Lincoln asked if we could connect this site to the existing Korean Memorial in some way. Paul was wondering if the images could show a gold star family, a person in a wheelchair or a Purple Heart soldier.

Jerry showed the latest elevation design for the two side of the wall for the memorial. It has been down sizes with room for verbiage as well as images. It still showed the water feature with lighting and music. The images have been toned down to keep more in line with the groups thinking. Paul thought adding a circle for POW's and MIA's would be a good idea and we agreed.

We looked over the "mission" and "value" statement that Bill Parker provided and made a few changes to that. This could be used in the center panel of the wall. We liked the idea of War in Vietnam and Freedom Memorial. Jerry read some words to think about for our values, one was from NASA which stated "...where our performance has ultimate consequences". Words such

1 as; discipline, competence, confidence, responsibility, toughness and teamwork might give us  
2 something to think about. We saw information taken off the web that gave info on Roger  
3 McAllister and Dennis Lorden. Jerry showed pictures of what Tapestry stone looked like with a  
4 polished finish. The group liked how the granite looked. John recommended using sawsheen  
5 on the surface of the stone to help protect and bring out the grain in the stone. It makes the  
6 surface look wet.

7 Jerry reported that he spoke to Heather Goodsell from Picture This On Granite and she will  
8 have a design for the front and back of the wall by the end of February.

9 We finished the night with just a short recap. We set our next meeting date to be **February 21,**  
10 **2018 a Wednesday** @ the town banquet hall. We talked about maybe presenting our designs  
11 to the **Park and Recreation Committee at their meeting on March 7, 2018.** Also the next  
12 meeting for us after that could be **March 12, 2018** to finalize our ideas so that we could show  
13 this to the voters on **March 13, 2018.** Lincoln will see if we can set up outside on voting day,  
14 we did not think that this would be a problem.

15 **Adjournment:** Lincoln moved to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. All in favor and the  
16 motion passed. The meeting ended at 7:05 PM.

17 *MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON MARCH 12, 2018.*