

Vietnam Memorial Committee

Meeting @ Banquet Hall, 6:05 PM

Meeting Notes – March 12, 2018 - Draft

Present: Jerry Guthrie (Chairman), Lincoln Daley (Community Development Director), Rodney Dellafelice (Conservation Commission Representative) and John Weidman

Excused: Bill Parker, Troy Swanick (DPW representative) and Paul Bartolomucci (Park and Recreation Committee)

Approval of Minutes: John Weidman moved to accept the February 21, 2018 meeting minutes and Lincoln Daley seconded. We Voted in favor and passed the motion.

Banquet Hall meeting room: The meeting started at 6:05 PM. Jerry opened the meeting with just a quick review. John showed his two conceptual designs for the project. He talked about the spheres at the top of the pillars representing togetherness and they help to soften the lines considerably. The one concept shows the cover of a book with its pages. We liked the design but some were wondering if the book could be two sided (of pages) without a cover? The second design showed wings in the background and was very flowing. We all liked the direction these designs were going. John had done some imagery on the Vietnam side of the wall and will work on the Freedom Memorial side for our next meeting.

Jerry showed the latest on another design idea. First he showed a plan of the site with the layout of the memorial, a plaza with benches and a walkway of remembrance. Along the walkway we would plant a tree for each of the four fallen soldiers from Vietnam, from Milford. Also with the tree we would have a memorial plaque for the fallen men. The theme for the design is: **“There is a story to be told behind every event”**. The two wall faces had pillars on the ends with a map and time lines. The Vietnam section had one side with a view of a mission. It also had some words that wrapped around the image. The center section had a water fall. The last section on the Vietnam side showed a scene of a soldier coming home remembering a fallen comrade. On this side we also have the names of the Milford Vietnam Veterans who served, there again wrapping around the image.

The Freedom Memorial side of the wall had a scene of the twin towers with images of people rushing in to help the victims. Words also wrapped around this image. The central section of the wall had our wording that we have been working on for a while. The last section showed our response by some snipers going after the attackers. At the bottom of the two wall surfaces we have insignias for different groups that responded to the events. The elevation had a man and a child for scale to the side. Lincoln, liked how this looked and was wondering if we could incorporate this idea into our design. Maybe as a statue off to the side or have this image in the wall itself? We all seemed to like the image and will look into how to create this idea.

1 Jerry then showed the latest design from Heather of Picture This On Granite. She showed the
2 size of the wall and the basic form the design would take.

3 After some discussion we came up with some ideas that we really liked. We thought having the
4 maps on the pillars make a lot of sense. We seemed to really like the image of the soldier
5 coming home after the war and the scene of 9-11. Having the insignias at the bottom of the
6 wall was very nice as well. In conclusion, we what Lincoln to continue working to get our
7 designs up on the town website. John Weidman will work on the Freedom Memorial side of his
8 design. We will all look at the wording of our main written paragraph. We hope to receive
9 some information from our town's people so that we can make changes a needed.

10 We set our next meeting date to be **April 2, 2018, Monday @ the BOS meeting room from**
11 **6-8 PM.**

12 **Adjournment:** John moved to adjourn the meeting. Rodney seconded. All in favor and the
13 motion passed. The meeting ended at 7:09 PM.

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