

Vietnam Memorial Committee

October 3, 2018

Meeting Notes - Banquet Hall, Town Hall, 6:00 PM

Present: Jerry Guthrie (Chairman); Bill Parker; Paul Bartolomucci

J. Guthrie opened the meeting at 6:00 PM. There was not a quorum.

J. Guthrie recapped the meeting with the Board of Selectmen, noting that the Selectmen wanted additional information as to costs and wanting additional community feedback on the design. Jay Duffy was present at the Selectmen's meeting and provided his opinions that the memorial should not overpower the adjacent Korean War memorial and did not like the water feature. Guthrie noted that the proposed Vietnam Memorial reflected a much down-sized design and that the VFW had been invited throughout the design process to give its opinions and that the proposed design reflected survey results and VFW input from an earlier meeting. It appeared from the BOS meeting that Selectwoman Dudziak appeared to like the proposal, Selectman Dargie questioned the need for a water feature. Guthrie noted that the water feature made the memorial unique and was symbolic of the Pacific Ocean and served as a calming and reflective feature. Guthrie said the Selectboard asked for cost estimates and he would work on getting those.

Guthrie then presented the concept he developed for the Freedom Memorial, consisting of a sculpture, pergola-type structure, stonework and landscaping. This will be presented to the group at its next meeting and then to the Board. Guthrie noted that the ATC construction trades class would hopefully construct the the pergola as they had done with the structure in Keyes.

P. Bartolomucci said he would finalize the draft wording for warrant articles and would pass along to B. Parker for input prior to sending along to the various reviewing parties.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. **Next meeting of the Committee to be Wednesday, October 17th.**