

Revolutionary War Honor Committee

2ND Floor Town Hall, 870 Moraine St, Marshfield, MA

August 30, 2023

Meeting Minutes

- Site review of proposed monument locations on the town green took place prior to meeting.
- Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM
- Members present: Bert O'Donnell (BO), Cindy Castro (CC), Jim Murrin (JM), Larry Sweeney (LS)
- Members excused: Tom Whalen (TW), Mike Maresco (MM)
- A review of the drawings BO made with the proposed monument locations mapped out in the town green were made. The four members agreed that option #1 was their preferred choice. This option is where the Center of the Obelisk is 87' from the Town Hall building
- A preference was voiced by present member for the drawing where the obelisk is placed at a 45 degree angle to the building
- BO has been working on the CPC application. It is planned to go in on 09/29/23. We have a meeting scheduled for 09/27/23 where we can perform a final review
- CC raised the subject of having 13 bronze stars set in the concrete surrounding the monument. She volunteered to get price estimates for various sizes of the bronze stars
- It was discussed that MM has proposed bringing the project in front of the selectboard on 09/25/23
- Discussion took place regarding the draft press release MM emailed to the committee. The members present had recommended edits to the release:
 - Update the number of names identified for placement on the monument to be approximately 180. The draft states approximately 250. The list that TW has finalized is closer to 180.
 - Remove the reference to the design being secret until the unveiling. The members present felt that it would not be feasible to keep the design a secret while trying to get approval from the community for the project.
- CC made a motion for the above two items to be edited in the press release. The motion was seconded by JM and passed unanimously
- CC brought up the idea of scheduling a committee meeting on the Thursday before the selectboard meeting (09/21/23) in order to prepare for the presentation of the project. The members in attendance thought this was a good idea
- BO has started work on creating a presentation package outlining the project
- CC raised the subject of creating a pamphlet outlining the project, to include:
 - Providing background of the towns participation in events leading up to and participation in the Revolution.