

TOWN OF PATTEN

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PATTEN SELECT BOARD / VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

These minutes are not verbatim.

Location: Public Works Garage, 21 Katahdin Street, Patten, ME 04765

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, at 4:30pm – 5:30pm

1. Welcome / Roll Call

Committee Members: Theresa Schmidt, Dennis Kelly, Jon Harvey, Dennis Brackett, Charlie Kenney, Jason Peavey, Lorna Harris

Select Board: Rae Bates, Janice Dancer

Town Employees: Gail Albert, Town Manager; Willow Brooks, Deputy Clerk

Public: Laura Kenney, Ron Blum, Brian Burger

Motion made by Dennis Kelly to nominate Lorna Harris as Chair of the Veteran's Memorial Committee. Seconded by Theresa Schmidt, no discussion heard. **All in favor.**

2. Review of the History of the Monument

A discussion of the previous town reports and Select Board meeting minutes that discussed the monument were reviewed by the Committee.

3. Discussion of Criteria for Adding New Names to the Monument

The Committee agreed that in order for new names to be added to the Monument, the Veteran must have been honorably discharged from the branch of service and provide a copy of their DD214 to the Town Office. The committee would review submissions and approve for placement on the monument. It was also that all names on the current monument will be automatically transferred over to the new monument.

4. How to Secure Missing Names, Outreach to Community etc.

The committee considers this a community monument, and residents of surrounding towns will be able to add their names or a family member's name to the monument with the same criteria as

mentioned in #3. A flyer will be posted around town and on the town website with information that the committee is collecting new or missing names.

5. Future Work

a. Costs / Fundraising

There is over \$13,000 in the reserve account for a new memorial. Rae and Gail met with Aroostook Monuments recently and were provided an estimate of around \$25,000 for just the stones, not including groundwork, benches, greenery, etc. Janice Dancer has located a CBDG grant for \$100,000 that could fund this project, there is a cost match of 20%, there is grant available that would cover the \$20,000 in matching funds the Town would have to come up with. There was a discussion about reaching out to nearby towns and asking them to donate funds for the new monument.

It was discussed that the Town residents approved the Town to take donations and apply for grants for the Monument at the July 2024 Special Town Meeting, however additional decisions regarding financial support and location of the Monument, etc. would need to be approved by the Town.

b. Possible Locations for a New Monument

The group discussed the corner of Scribner and Main Street as a possible location for a new monument as well as the lot directly next to the playground and across from Craig's Clam Shop.

6. Adjourn

The next meeting for the Veteran's Memorial Committee will be on October 15th, at 4:30pm, jointly with the Select Board.

Motion made by Rae Bates to adjourn the meeting at 5:24pm. Seconded by Theresa Schmidt, no discussion heard. **Approved 9/0/2 absent.**

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Approved by the Veteran's Memorial Committee on 10/29, 2024

Lorna Harris, Chair

Janice Dancer
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Jason Peavey
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Dennis Kelly
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Charlie Kenney
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Theresa Schmidt
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Jon Harvey
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Rae Bates

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