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**TRUSTEES FOR SOLDIERS  
AND SAILORS MEMORIALS**

Andrew Kjellberg, President  
William Cutler, Vice-president  
Kenneth Sherman, Secretary  
William Drago

**MINUTES**

The monthly meeting of the GRAFTON TRUSTEES FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIALS was held on AUGUST 9, 2016 in Town Hall CONFERENCE ROOM "E." MR. CUTLER, MR. SHERMAN, AND MR. DRAGO were present.

The meeting began at 1009.

Mr. Drago reported upon his attempt to create a bank account for the Trustees in which to deposit the \$2,500 voted for the Trust at Town Meeting. He said that after speaking with the Assistant Town Manager, he learned that the money would instead be deposited in the account of Veterans' Agent Adam Costello. Money spent by the Trust will be paid for from the Veterans' Agent's account.

Mr. Drago then reported that the money to clean the World War I Memorial in South Grafton would be approximately \$2,400. The Trust then discussed the wisdom of spending its entire 2017 budget on one monument. The sense of the Trust was that such an expenditure was unwise. This, in turn, generated a discussion about the Trust spending the next monthly meeting driving to the town veterans' monuments to both locating them and ascertaining their condition. Updating the war plaques in Town Hall was passed as this is Mr. Kjellberg's project and he was unable to attend this meeting.

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Mr. Sherman reported that he had heard back from Washington Mills about placing a Navy memorial on their property regarding the annual wreath laying there. The Mill wrote to Mr. Sherman stating that they had a policy about not putting non-Mills items on their property but they wanted to contribute support and some of the cost if a suitable piece of town land could be found. The intersection of Routes 122 and 140 was believed to be such a location. Mr. Sherman will follow-up.

At the recent Night Out event, Trust members were approached by Mr. Dick Belanger, who identified himself as a member of the Worcester County Armed Forces Committee. He indicated that his organization had money available with which to support local veterans' groups such as the Trust. The Trust took this under advisement.

Regarding monument cleaning, Mr. Drago volunteered to contact the Cemetery department to see how they arrange to have gravestones and monuments cleaned. Mr. Cutler remarked upon how quickly small American flags placed on gravestones were removed after a holiday rather than allowing them to remain for a longer period. He volunteered to determine why this policy was as is.

Per above, for the September, 2016 meeting, the members voted to meet at the entrance to Town Hall and then as a group tour the monuments.

Meeting adjourned at 1036.

Respectfully,

Kenneth B. Sherman  
Secretary