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MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the GRAFTON TRUSTEES FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIALS was convened on OCTOBER 6, 2016 in Room E at Memorial Hall. MR. KJELLBERG, MR. SHERMAN, AND MR. DRAGO were present.

Meeting was convened at 1011.

Mr. Kjellberg stated that Brian Turcotte and George Taft have volunteered to rebuild at no cost the degraded brick plaza in front of the Vietnam-Korea monument in the center of town pending agreement with several suppliers of building materials, including Camosse Masonry, Shrewsbury, and D&D Landscaping, Bellingham. They will begin when they have time and supplies. This is to be done as a repair. Mr. Sherman will contact the Building Inspector to determine if any permits are required. Trust members will meet with the volunteer companies in the near future for coordination.

Mr. Kjellberg has discussed this project as well as cleaning of monuments with Asst. Town Administrator Willardson and will also talk to Ms. Ann Morgan regarding securing volunteers to clean the monuments as detailed in the September 2016 minutes. Possible resources are the local Scouts, National Honor Society members, and local high school volunteers. He has spoken about this with Mr. Willardson.

Mr. Kjellberg next discussed with the Trust obtaining cast bronze stars to replace those missing from plaques at Memorial Hall and those missing or damaged at town veterans' monuments. He believes he has someone available.

The placing of a US Navy emblem near Washington Mills was next discussed. Mr. Sherman will seek such a marker from the Veterans' Administration and he will also contact state officials regarding

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doing so at the concrete road barrier that fronts the mill. The Mill has previously agreed to participate in the process.

The issue of flag holders at veterans' graves was discussed. The estimate for the needed 900 or so markers was determined to be approximately \$3,300, which exceeds the Trust's 2017 budget. To stay within the budget and also have money left for cleaning the town monuments it was suggested that for this year the Trust buy enough markers for just two town cemeteries. The matter was left unresolved at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1126.

Sincerely,

Kenneth B. Sherman
Secretary