

Approved

A meeting of the Mendon Citizens Advisory Committee for a Military Memorial was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at the Mendon Community Center, 167 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls, NY, 14472.

PRESENT: Muffy Meisenzahl, Town Board Member Cindy Carroll, Town Board Member Tom Dubois, Teressa Koch, Myron Lemperle, and Steve Tschiderer

ABSENT: Bob Booth, Peter Lehning, Edward O'Brien, Anne-Marie Sweeney, Dawn Worboys

Minutes taken by Bonnie M. Toomey

Zoom and checklist recording done by Danny Bassette.

Ms. Meisenzahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Ms. Koch led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Housekeeping

No new items to address, no guests in person or on Zoom.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Dubois, seconded by Ms. Carroll, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 11, 2021, as submitted.

Adopted: Ms. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Ms. Koch, Aye; Mr. Lemperle, Aye; Mr. Tschiderer, Aye.

Committee Organization

Ms. Meisenzahl advised that the Committee record is available on the Town website.

There were no questions from the Committee Members.

Memorial Concept Considerations

As a result of the contributions and talk of moving towards a proposal for the Town Board at the last meeting, Ms. Meisenzahl created a new worksheet designed to capture priorities. The concepts discussed at the May 11th meeting were reviewed by location and the concepts of structures, monument, symbolism, education/awareness, infrastructure, utilities, access and cost were discussed and checked on the worksheet if appropriate.

Ms. Carroll distributed her concept for the 101 Semmel Road location. The handout included a descriptive narrative and pictures and follows these minutes.

Mr. Tschiderer stated in regards to the pavilion discussed for 101 Semmel Road, a combination open air and enclosed structure is preferred. This not only takes weather conditions into consideration but offers a space for more personal interaction.

There was discussion on the education component and opportunities for it. Mr. Tschiderer offered that all Gold Star families should be included. The idea of adding to the Village Walking Tour should be another committee. He also added that the military has the resources and story boards would be easy to create. Mr. DuBois added that the education piece lends to electronic component.

There was discussion on the New York State Route 64 proposed memorial. The idea of additional American flags had been discussed previously. With the flag code requiring the flag be illuminated during dark hours, banners were discussed as an added option.

Mr. Lemperle talked about the education piece being in the old library, 15 Monroe Street, adding that this could be phase two.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked Ms. Koch what she needed to take back to the families. Ms. Koch stated that it should be narrowed down, the other families are not familiar with the area so it all won't make sense to them and will be confusing and overwhelming. Mr. DuBois asked if three concepts would be good to get feedback from the other families. They would not be ranked. All were in agreement on this. Ms. Meisenzahl stated it is very important the Committee do their due diligence ensuring their recommendations are appropriate for the families. She asked Ms. Koch if she felt asking the families for a one sentence response would be overstepping. Ms. Koch said that would be no problem.

There was discussion on how the presentation to the Town Board should look. Ms. Carroll stated it should be a straightforward narrative including costs, property ownership and maintenance plan. Mr. DuBois added there should be an introduction of what the process was and how the Committee arrived with their recommendation.

Ms. Meisenzahl advised that the next meeting is June 8th. The Committee Members should be prepared to select three options and set the proposals. Ms. Koch will bring these proposals to the families. On July 13th, the Committee will edit and prepare recommendations to present at the August 9th Town Board Meeting.

Public Comment

No one on Zoom or in attendance.

Mr. Lemperle invited the Committee Members who haven't visited the Memorial Park in the Village Cemetery to do so after the meeting. He felt they could get an appreciation for the bench discussed, by seeing the two that are already there in the park setting. Ms. Meisenzahl reminded the Committee that the Town cannot raise funds but the Legion may be able to assist in that effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.