

Newmarket Public Library Trustees

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2014 meeting

Present: Sandy Allen, Joan DeYoreo, Mary Mahoney, Lisa Zhe, Trustees;
Library director Carrie Gadbois. Not present - trustee Rod Crepeau, Friend
liaison Sandy Bonin.

1. Carrie presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Rod, which trustees accepted in his absence.
2. Carrie gave an update on the painting. Both Caprioli and Jablonski agreed to paint all the trim, as well as railings and windows. The difference is that Jablonski scrapes the old paint, then puts down one oil based primer and one coat of oil based paint. Caprioli uses a pressure washer and puts down two coats of finish paint.
Trustees voted unanimously to accept Jablonski's bid of \$5,000 for the paint project.
3. Veterans' Memorial Trust committee members Janice Rosa and Phil Nazzaro stopped by to discuss the proposed Veterans' Memorial. Trustees originally reviewed the plans indoors with Ms. Rosa
Ms. Rosa – The revised plan calls for six obelisks, but not all will be put up at the same time. This will represent all wars from World War II going forward. The names will be grouped by war.
The plans were done by MJS Engineering. Ms. Allen inquired how long the chain link fence would be up. Ms. Rosa said not long, just as long as it takes to put in the footings for the obelisks. The footings will be level with the ground, then the obelisks can be attached later on.
Ms. Rosa said the plan also calls for lights around the base of the statue, and the soldier would be between four and five feet high.
Mr. Nazzaro arrived.
Mr. Nazzaro explained the retaining wall would not touch the roots of the trees/shrubs around the library. The retaining wall would be less than 1 foot high so as not to interfere with the plants. It would be a

level presentation, to match the height of the lawn now. The benches would be moved during construction so as to avoid damage, then moved back.

The lights would be four ground lights to provide shadow relief. The obelisks would be about two feet high. One of the main goals of the design is to not block the view from inside the library windows.

Ms. Allen asked if there was a way to do it without all of the brick. She's concerned with destroying all the grass.

Mr. Nazzaro explained that grass would be trampled, and would end up with dirt pathways. He suggested perhaps a serpentine brick walkway would work.

Ms. Gadbois inquired about putting the names on the brick wall rather than the obelisks. We now have a nice sweeping view of the lawn and town, everything fits together when people drive over the hill into town. With this, we'll see the tops of these obelisks sticking up.

Mr. Nazzaro said their intent is to have it be as elegant as possible, as it is the entrance to the town.

Ms. Gadbois asked if it would be possible to do just two obelisks and put the rest of the names on the wall.

Ms. Rosa said every time there is a change to the design, it costs them more with the engineer. She said there was an agreement signed off by the former trustees.

Ms. Allen reminded her that was the former board, and that the agreement said it was to be mutually agreed upon.

Ms. Rosa said it's time to have something to honor the veterans in our town. The bandstand is only for World War I veterans and nothing else has been done. They did look at the Pocket Park, but there was insufficient space.

Trustee Rod Crepeau arrived.

Ms. DeYoreo asked if the statue has to be lit.

Mr. Nazzaro said it does not have to be lit but it adds a sense of gravitas to it. The bulbs will have dim wattage and will be recessed.

Mr. Nazzaro and Ms. Rosa agreed to take trustees' suggestions under advisement.

No votes were taken nor were any decisions or agreements made.

The trustees thanked Mr. Nazzaro and Ms. Rosa before they left for coming to show us their plans. The trustees then went back inside to resume their regular meeting.

Mr. Nazzaro and Ms. Rosa departed.

4. Mary commented on what a great job Carrie did with the table at Heritage Fest.
5. Carrie –
 - a. All set up for the summer concert series. She has three bands lined up, including Peg Chaffee, Sylvan Roots ~~(an Irish band)~~ and fiddler Ryan Thompson. She did receive approval for using the bandstand. The band will be covered in case of rain. The concerts will run from 7 to 8 p.m. on four consecutive Fridays, starting July 11th.
6. Rod mentioned the deed to the library, and that any intent of the gift of the library cannot vary, according to Terry Knowles. He asked if we should run the proposal for the Veteran's Memorial by the town attorney to be sure that it meets with the intention of Webster's gift of the library. Webster said the library and its grounds were to be used as a public library. Sandy said that legally, we cannot vary from the intent of the donor.

Trustees voted unanimously to consult with the town attorney to see if the proposed Veteran's Memorial meets with the intention of the donor.
7. Rod also asked Mary to sign off on the Piscataqua account certificate of deposit, with Lisa signing off as a witness.

Trustees adjourned meeting.