

War Monument Restoration Committee
Minutes for Feb. 9, 2017
7:00 AM
Volunteer Room, Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:00. Present Jon Schoenberg, John Lee, Pat Jennings, and Steve Cronin (remotely, audio only)

Minutes for Jan 12, 2017 were and approved as printed

Pat reported on her discussion of our committee with the Historical Society. They were very excited about our work and would like to include us and the war memorials on the common in their spring tour of the common. The date is Sunday May 21st. All agreed that it was a good idea.

Steve reported that the Veteran's Agent has produced a chart of 230 living veterans in Harvard as of the last census. They include:

- 11 WWII veterans
- 12 veterans between WWII and Korea
- 27 Korean Veterans
- 36 Veteran between Korean and Vietnam
- 94 Vietnam veterans
- 40 post Vietnam War
- 10 Gulf War veterans

Pat did research on alternatives to granite for the WWI flagpole monument. She talked to 2 concrete contractors.

Hardscape's of New England. They visited the monument and will send a proposal.

Basement Technologies suggested polishing, sealing, and resurfacing the concrete and will follow-up with a proposal.

Pat will also follow up with the contractor that rebuilt the powder house for a recommendation and proposal.

John will check with Town Hall on requirements for bidding at different price points.

John reported on his search for the old wooden WWII memorial. A follow-up from a NextDoorHarvard request and a Facebook request from

Sue Reedich led to a note from Jim Bulger "My father Henry Bulger's name was on that honor roll. I believe the remains of the honor roll were removed to the American Legion room in the basement of the library. Many of the names had fallen to the bottom of the case and were I believe laid out on a table in the legion room to record the names, in fact I recall my father saying that not all names were on the honor roll. Does anyone have the records of the Harvard American Legion?"

John suggested that may be the end of the search.

Jon is pulling together a chart of names from all the sources in town (monuments, plaques, and paper records). A suggestion was made to invite as many as possible to this year's Memorial Day's ceremony.

John reported on 2 grants possibilities.

100 Cities Memorials; Sponsored by the Pritzker Military Museum. \$2000.00 award. Submission deadline is June 15, 2017. Website www.worldwar1centennial.org/100-cities-100-memorials-home.html

Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund. A program sponsored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It's a state funded 50% reimbursable matching grant. www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc.mhcmppf.mppfidx.htm Deadline is March 24, 2017.

Next Meeting Date March 2, 2017