

VETERANS' MONUMENT PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR
ACADEMY HILL SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 16, 2012

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The Veterans' Monument Preservation Commission for Academy Hill held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, in Room 213 of the Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

Members present: Robert G. Mastroni, Anthony Ross, Roy Friedman, Edward Roberts, Matthew Catalano, George Vagasky, Ralph Colangelo and Robert Newall

Members Absent: Charles Devan and James Connor

Others present: Joseph Crimmins (Stratford V.F.W. Post 9460), Chad Esposito (PW), and Frank from Custom Iron Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Mastroni called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 2, 2011 Special Meeting

- On motion by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Newall, the foregoing Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Per the Finance Dept., the Commission has a balance of \$65,196.29 in its Reserve Account as of May 1, 2012.

4. MAINTENANCE ITEMS

a. Railing for Podium

- Frank from Custom Iron Works addressed the Commission. He advised that iron railings rust in about six months. Aluminum railings require no maintenance but are triple the cost. To install two 12 foot sections of railing on each side of the podium and another railing in the middle, the cost of aluminum is \$3,500 versus \$540 for iron. Aluminum railings are available in any color.

- After Frank left the Commission members discussed the railing. Mr. Crimmins had previously talked to Acme about the railing, but he never got an actual price for the job. Chairman Mastroni suggested that the Commission get a couple of more bids.

- The majority of Commission members were in favor of a black railing for the podium. Mr. Vagasky was opposed and prefers white. However, the Commission members were unanimous in preferring aluminum to iron.

- Mr. Ross moved to table the decision on the railing for the podium until the Commission gets a few more bids. Mr. Friedman seconded and the motion to table carried unanimously.

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b. Installation of Belgium Blocks

- Mr. Catalano advised that they were planning to pick up and install the Belgium blocks on Saturday, May 19. The Commission discussed the best way to install them. The Secretary will speak to Finance about having the check for the Belgium blocks ready on Friday.

c. Painting of Chain Link Fence

- Mr. Crimmins and Mr. Roberts have been spray painting the chain link fence white.

d. General sprucing up of Academy Hill

- Mr. Crimmins reported that three separate groups from the VFW have volunteered to take turns helping at Academy Hill. Last week volunteers from the Men's Auxiliary trimmed and cut grass.

- Chairman Mastroni pointed out that in addition to citizen volunteers, the Town has always been available to help when asked. Mr. Esposito added that Public Works will be mulching before Memorial Day and will be cutting the grass regularly.

- Mr. Roberts advised that he just installed ten more bricks in the Walkway and has a couple more orders.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

- There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail J. Nobili
Secretary