

VETERANS' MONUMENT PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR
ACADEMY HILL SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2012

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The Veterans' Monument Preservation Commission for Academy Hill held a special meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, in Room 213 of the Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

Members present: Robert G. Mastroni, Charles Devan, Roy Friedman, Edward Roberts, Matthew Catalano, Ralph Colangelo, Robert Newall and James Connor.

Members Absent: Anthony Ross, and George Vagasky

Others present: Joseph Cremin (Stratford V.F.W. Post 9460) and Chad Esposito (PW),

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Mastroni called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 16, 2012 Special Meeting

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

3. MAINTENANCE ITEMS

a. Railing for Podium

- Mr. Cremin has received three bids for black aluminum railing which range from \$1890 to \$6400. However, it is not clear that all the bids are comparing apples to apples. Mr. Cremin offered to review the bids in detail and then report back to the Commission.

- UPON MOTION BY MR. FRIEDMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. DEVAN, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO TABLE THE VOTE ON THE RAILING FOR THE PODIUM UNTIL MR. CREMIN REVIEWED THE THREE BIDS AND REPORTED BACK TO THE COMMISSION.

B. Inside & Outside Borders for Walkways

- Chairman Mastroni advised that there is a problem with the mulch coming up onto the bricks. There should be a buffer between the mulch and the walkway. He and Mr. Ross experimented by digging an 8 inch trench and filling it with small white stones he picked up at Connecticut Stone. Mr. Devan suggested using plastic edging which is used by landscapers. Chairman Mastroni advised that a rubber edging is already in place around the walkway, but it keeps popping up.

- The members discussed various buffers. There was a concern that mulch would get into the white stones. Mr. Cremin suggested putting the white stones around the flagpole instead. Mr. Catalano suggested steel strips around the walkway like municipalities use for sidewalks. Chairman Mastroni asked about putting a cement strip around the walkway to hold the bricks. Mr. Roberts suggested adding the white stones on top of the cement strip and also doing this around the benches. The benches are also a problem because weeds are growing beneath them. It was decided to table further discussion about the border until a few members can get together at Academy Hill and try out different materials.

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4. **UPDATE ON CIVIL WAR MONUMENT**

- Chairman Mastroni was told that \$100,000 was put in the Capital Improvement Plan to repair the base of the Civil War Monument. [See attached Adopted CIP for 2013-2017.] The Commission would like to have some input on the restoration.

5. **PLAQUE COMMEMORATING MEMBERS OF ORIGINAL STRATFORD
WORLD WAR II COMMISSION**

- Chairman Mastroni advised that he had reviewed the World War II Commission Minutes and in 2004 the Commission voted to put up a plaque honoring the original Commission members. This was never done. Chairman Mastroni will be ordering the plaque.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

- There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail J. Nobili
Secretary