

**VETERANS' MONUMENT PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR**  
**ACADEMY HILL SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 20, 2015**

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The Veterans' Monument Preservation Commission for Academy Hill held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in Room 213 of the Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT, pursuant to notice duly posted.

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

Others present: Joseph Cremin (Stratford V.F.W. Post 9460) and John Casey, Town Engineer

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Mastroni called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. UPDATE ON CIVIL WAR MONUMENT — Mr. Casey presented an assessment Report that included review of past work, general description of the monument, its current conditions, recommendations and budget estimate.

Budget estimates include: Base scope for repair or mend the monument - \$100,000.00  
Alternate scope 1 to recast section 1 north and west faces in zinc — \$140,000.00  
Alternate scope 2 to replace section 1, all faces, in dimensional stone - \$170,000.00

Questions were posed to Mr. Casey re: price of a new monument, time frame for repair, warranty, if any, from the repair that took place in 1987. Mr. Casey said an RFP has been sent out.

3. WALKWAY IMPROVEMENTS — The brick in the walkway is settling and moving in spots. The walkway needs to be stabilized. The mulch is staining the bricks and consequently covering the names. There needs to be a buffer between the mulch and walkway. Commission member will solicit ideas/suggestions for viable solutions.

4. MEMORIAL DAY CLEANUP — Saturday, May 23, 9:00 a.m. Commission members will be at Academy Hill, Walk-of-honor area, to conduct a cleanup. Cleaning the walkway, weed-whacking, cleaning stained brick are a few of the necessary tasks.

Mr. Mastroni circulated a sign-up sheet to commissioners for summer commitments for Saturday clean-up dates.

5. DISPLAY CASE — Mr. Roberts maintains a name/brick directory. Since his last update, 16 new brick purchases have been received. The brick count on the walk-of-honor now totals 2,780. He will update the list. Mr. Vagasky said that he advertised the brick sale program at the V.F.W. A brick order form can be found on the Town of Stratford website under parks.

Mr. Mastroni noted the rules for purchase an engraved brick for the walk-of-honor:

- The brick recipient had to have resided in Stratford at some time

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- Involved in a war or conflict

6. ADJOURNMENT — There being no further business, Mr. Roberts motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Friedman and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Cabral