

**VETERANS' MONUMENT PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR
ACADEMY HILL SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2015**

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CORRECTED MINUTES

The Veterans' Monument Preservation Commission for Academy Hill held a special meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 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, George Vagasky, Ralph Colangelo and Robert Newall

Others present: John Casey (Public Works Director)

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

- Chairman Mastroni called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **CIVIL WAR MONUMENT** – John Casey advised that he and Chairman Mastroni had met with Aegis on September 18. The Town had gotten two proposals for repair of the Monument. Aegis Restauro, LLC cost less and their proposal was more complete. The foundry man for Aegis personally inspected the Monument. He thinks it can be restored. However, if part of the Monument base breaks during restoration, then either part or all of the Monument base would need to be replaced, in accordance with the bid. There is enough funding in the current budget to restore it. Anything else would require additional funding. The big question is whether the skirt at the bottom can be bent back into shape without breaking it. If they can get the skirt back together, then they will weld it into place. This is the cheapest and best option for repair. In addition to the skirt, Aegis will remove the existing concrete base and pour a new base below the Monument which will provide better support for the Monument altogether. The estimated cost is \$100,000 and the timeframe is three months. Aegis also advised the Town to maintain the Monument by washing it down once a year to remove the acid rain and dirt.

- ON MOTION BY MR. ROBERTS AND SECONDED BY MR. FRIEDMAN, THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE PROPOSAL FROM AEGIS RESTAURO, LLC TO RESTORE THE CIVIL WAR MONUMENT.

3. **PLANS FOR REPAIRS TO ACADEMY HILL** – Chairman Mastroni advised that the Walkway has been settling and needs to be leveled. In addition, the outside rubber around the Walkway is sticking out in places and needs to be removed and replaced with something else. Also, the dye from the mulch is washing down and staining the bricks. The Commission discussed hiring a masonry expert to make the repairs.

- Veterans Day – Chairman Mastroni advised that he needs people to help him spruce up on Saturday, November 7 around 9:00 a.m.

- Bricks – Mr. Roberts reported that he has sold 8-10 bricks since the May 2015 meeting. He is running out of space on the Directory. Mr. Friedman offered to buy a new Directory for Academy Hill.

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4. ADJOURNMENT – On motion by Mr. Vagasky and seconded by Mr. Friedman, the special meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail J. Nobili
Secretary