VMC Minutes 1.22.20 Vietnam Memorial Committee Town Hall Community Development Room, 5:30 PM Meeting Notes – January 22, 2020

Present:

Jerry Guthrie (Chairman/Veteran); Douglas Cave (Vice Chairman/Recorder/VFW/Veteran); Paul Taylor (Resident/American Legion); Rodney Dellafelice (Conservation Commission); Lincoln Daley (Community Development Director).

Lincoln met with Jerry and Doug to pass on the new information he had collected. However, he needed to be excused from the meeting due to other commitments.

Minutes from last meeting: Rodney motioned to accept, Paul seconded, motion carried.

1. Fund Raising:

- Donation checks should be made out to "Vietnam Memorial", and are being collected by Tina Philbrick in the Town Hall. Checks are preferred, however, cash can be accepted but it needs to be converted into a Money Order for final deposit.
- Display at the Middle School on Election Day February 11th:
 - o To inform the public about the Memorial, and encourage donations to help fund it.
 - o Informational poster boards to show design concept and location.
 - Will have a donation box at the display with information on how to donate, along with the fact that we need donations because no tax money is being used for the project.
 - o Paul will provide the list of names, and Lincoln will make the poster.
 - Doug will coordinate borrowing flags from the VFW.
 - The miniature statue of the memorial, and the concept picture will be there.
 - Will set up a 10' X 10' tent.
 - o Banner saying "We need your help with names" or similar message.
 - Staffing the tent on February 11th

Jerry 0800 – 1000
 Rodney 1000 – 1200
 Doug 1500 – 1800
 Paul 1800 – 2000

- Go Fund Me website: The town cannot be the operator of the Go Fund Me website, it will have to be a private citizen. We will need someone to manage and serve as the treasurer.
- American Legion: Would like to meet with us on Tuesday, March 24th, 2020
- The VFW Auxiliary was contacted to see if they would match the \$1,000 donation the VFW made.
- Jerry is collecting money for the memorial in memory of Mo Facques. He has already collected \$370.
- Jerry will be contact and talk with other potential donors.

2. Memorial:

- o Estimate: Total cost may be around \$125,000; granite is estimated to cost about \$37,000.
- Recognized deceased Milford residents: Allen Brackens will not be identified as a deceased Milford soldier killed in Vietnam since he is from Georgia and his only connection with Milford is through his wife

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who is from Milford. More information is need on William D. Shinn III since his name does not appear on the official killed in Vietnam roster.

- Pictures of the deceased: They will either be etched on granite or a bronze plaque.
- Granite: There is probably granite in town that could be donated. This would bring our total cost down.

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 5th, 2020. Motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Douglas Cave
Vice Chairman/Recorder/VFW Representative