

**TOWN OF WEYMOUTH
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
WEYMOUTH TOWN HALL, Kelly Room
November 5, 2012- Monday**

Present: Francis Burke, Chairman
Keith Spain, Mayoral Appointee
Ed Walker
Sean Guilfoyle, Weymouth School Committee
James Clarke, Director of Planning & Community Development

Not Present: Joan Anderson, Vice Chairman
Jeff Bina, Director of Public Works
Steve McCloskey
Patrick O'Connor, Weymouth Town Council

Also Present: Ann Barry, Principal, Frederick C. Murphy Primary School
Al Perrette
Jordan Bagen, BSA Troop 2

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Discussion of Boy Scout Project at Emery Estate was taken out of order because Jordan had a scout meeting to attend also.

Discussion of Boy Scout project at Emery Estate

Jordan Bagen, Eagle Scout candidate from BSA Troop 2 presented a plan for cleanup of the grounds of the Emery Estate and the placement of a bench and stone at the left corner of the rear of the house. The stone was donated and will have a simple engraving. Jordan provided a picture to the committee. The bench will not be permanently installed in case it needs to be moved later, as the future of the property is unknown at this time. He has printed flyers and is drafting volunteers to help. He estimates the clean up work will take two weekends to complete, and will concentrate on overgrowth closest to the home. Volunteers can call 781-337-8589.

A motion was made by Sean Guilfoyle to approve the project and was seconded by Keith Spain. Unanimously voted.

Minutes

September 1, 2012 meeting- A motion was made by Sean Guilfoyle to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2012 meeting and was seconded by Keith Spain. Unanimously voted.

October 26, 2011- A motion was made by Sean Guilfoyle to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2011 meeting and was seconded by Keith Spain. Jim Clarke reported that it did not appear these minutes were voted previously. Unanimously voted.

Request for street sign at Off Shawmut Street for Robert A. Lovering

Al Perette presented a request to place a street sign at Off Shawmut Street in honor of veteran Robert A. Lovering. He provided a brief history of Mr. Lovering who was born in Weymouth, grew up on Shawmut Street, and is a current resident. Mr. Lovering's service was from 1950-1953, during the Korean conflict. He was involved in several major battles, including Heartbreak

Ridge, and during which he received several honors including the Bronze Star and a battlefield decoration for valor. He was honorably discharged. Mr. Perette noted that Mr. Lovering suffered for many years after returning from the war from what now would likely be recognized as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Mr. Perette thought it a fitting gesture to honor veterans while they are still alive.

There was a brief discussion. Frank Burke noted that although Mr. Lovering was born, raised and now lives in Weymouth, he was a resident of Rockland when he enlisted, and his home of record during service years is considered Rockland. Jim Clarke noted there isn't anything in the rules or regulations that precludes the committee from honoring Mr. Lovering in Weymouth. He also confirmed there are no other markers at this site.

A motion was made by Sean Guilfoyle to take the matter under advisement and was seconded by Keith Spain. Unanimously voted. In a segue to this discussion, Frank Burke commented that the town lacks a formal WWII memorial and noted that may be a consideration as the Legion Field project goes forward.

Request to place memorial stone at Frederick C. Murphy School for Tanner Barbara

Sean Guilfoyle and Principal Ann Barry presented the request to place a stone in a memorial "friendship garden" in a sectioned-off area in the front of the Frederick C. Murphy Primary School. Tanner was a student at Murphy who recently passed away and whose family is very active in school and town activities. The stone will be small, with a simple inscription. Planting will be done by the Beautification Committee. Because of the timing, the school board and school committee have already voted to support the request pending action by the Memorial Committee. The school community plans to hold a simple ceremony on what would have been Tanner's birthday, November 14, 2012, at 10:20 AM. Principal Barry anticipates a 20-minute dedication service.

A motion was made by Keith Spain to approve the request to place a memorial stone at the F.C. Murphy School in memory of Tanner Barbara and was seconded by Sean Guilfoyle. Unanimously voted. A letter will be sent to Superintendent Salim notifying of the committee's action.

Other Business

Keith Spain reported that the memorial signs that were taken down at Middle Street and Winter Court were stored with the DPW during the intersection reconfiguration project and are back up.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Memorial Committee has not been determined. At 7:25 PM, there being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Clarke, seconded by Sean Guilfoyle and unanimously voted.

Approved: