

TOWN OF PATTEN

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VETERAN'S MONUMENT COMMITTEE / PATTEN SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Location: Public Works Garage, 21 Katahdin Street, Patten, ME 04765

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 4:30pm

1. Call to order; 4:30pm at the Town Garage.

Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance:

Veteran's Monument Committee: Lorna Harris, Chair; Dennis Kelly, Theresa Schmidt, Jon Harvey, Charlie Kenney, Dennis Brackett, Ted Pettengill

Committee Members Absent: Jason Peavey

Select Board: Gregg Smallwood, Chair; Rae Bates, Janice Dancer

Town Employees: Gail Albert, Town Manager; Willow Brooks, Deputy Clerk

Guest Speaker: Caleb Grass, Aroostook Monuments

Public: Laura Kenney

2. Approve and Sign Meeting Minutes for February 25, 2025

Motion made by Jon Harvey to approve and sign the minutes for the February 25th committee meeting. Seconded by Theresa Schmidt, no discussion heard. **All in favor.**

3. Old Business

Janice Dancer gave a recap of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) she applied for to help defray costs for the new monument (previously discussed at the February 25 meeting). The town submitted a letter of intent and was offered the opportunity to apply for funds, these funds are for the groundwork and expenses related to the park but can not be used for the monument or the engraving

4. New Business

a. Monument Design – Discussion with Aroostook Monuments

Caleb Grass with Aroostook Monuments attended the meeting and gave committee members a quote and sketch of a Veteran's Monument for Patten based on another town's monument that the committee liked (attached to these minutes). There was also a discussion of the monument size needed to accommodate the number of Veterans names

being engraved on the new monument. Based on the number of names, Patten would need at least two of the proposed monuments (around 600 names plus room for additional names to be added in the future). The committee also discussed whether to list names by branch of service or war and having a double-sided monument versus a monument with a front and back.

Motion made by Dennis Kelly to accept a new proposal from Aroostook Monuments for one double-sided monument that will allow room for 700 names. Seconded by Jon Harvey, no discussion heard. **All in favor.**

b. Public Hearing April 8 Talking Points

Janice Dancer is speaking about the CDBG funds she's applying for at a Public Hearing on April 8. Rae Bates also agreed to speak at the Public Hearing on behalf of the Veteran's Monument Committee and discuss with residents the steps the committee has taken thus far.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2025

Approved by the Veteran's Monument Committee & Select Board on May 13, 2025

Lorna Harris

Lorna Harris, Chair

Dennis Kelly

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Theresa Schmidt

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Jon Harvey

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Dennis Brackett

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Jason Peavey

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Charlie Kenney

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Gregg Smallwood, Select Board Chair

Rae Bates

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Janice Dancer

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