

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL EXPANSION COMMITTEE**

**October 21, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**Suffield Police Station Conference Room, 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT  
In-Person Meeting Only**

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**Veterans Memorial Expansion Committee Members Present:**

Dave Gauthier, Chairman  
Frederick (Fritz) King  
Raymond Hartford  
Chris Nikolis

**Veterans Memorial Expansion Committee Members Absent:**

Kevin Goff  
William Moryto  
Sal Covino  
David Shute  
Tom Elmore

Chairman Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2024**

Agenda item tabled.

**Construction status**

Chairman Gauthier spoke with Rogers Memorial this morning and was informed that the memorial was finished. The shipper expects to pick it up on Monday and have it delivered to Rogers Memorial on Wednesday. Installation will take place as soon as possible after delivery.

**Other Veterans Park Improvements**

Chairman Gauthier and Bill Moryto met with AMP Electrical at Veterans Memorial park to discuss lighting. They also provided ideas for landscaping and new pavers. AMP Electrical agreed to draw up a plan for all items discussed and provide quotes for the work, which would be completed next Spring.

The Town has agreed to have the Department of Public Works install an ADA sidewalk at the memorial. The Town Engineer has drawn up a plan with more details to follow. Chairman Gauthier also reported that the memorial was professionally power washed recently and looks great.

### **Other Business and Next Steps**

Chairman Gauthier reported that he and Bill Moryto met with First Selectman Moll and agreed to hold an 11:00 a.m. ceremony on Veterans Day at Veterans Memorial Park. The ceremony will be similar to those in past years but will also include the unveiling of the new memorial.

The group briefly discussed the 2025 meeting schedule and considered the possibility of moving it to a quarterly basis. They also discussed the remaining two meetings for 2024 and considered whether to cancel the December meeting. Chairman Gauthier expressed his concerns about the size of the group and the inability to reach a quorum at some meetings. He suggested downsizing the current group, however, he did not want to imply that any current member should resign. Chairman Gauthier noted that he would reach out to the First Selectman to confirm that landscaping, lighting and other cosmetic features were not included in the original scope of work assigned to this group.

### **Public Comment**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen O. Lambert  
Recording Secretary