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A meeting of the Mendon Citizens Advisory Committee for a Military Memorial was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at the Mendon Community Center, 167 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls, NY, 14472.

PRESENT: Muffy Meisenzahl, Bob Booth, Town Board Member Cindy Carroll, Town Board Member Tom Dubois, Teressa Koch, Myron Lemperle, Peter Lehning and Anne-Marie Sweeney

ABSENT: Edward O'Brien, Steve Tschiderer, Dawn Worboys

Minutes taken by Bonnie M. Toomey

Zoom and checklist recording done by Danny Bassette.

Ms. Meisenzahl called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Ms. Sweeney led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Housekeeping

No new items to address, no guests in person or on Zoom.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Carroll, seconded by Ms. Sweeney, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 25, 2021, as submitted.

Adopted: Mr. Booth, Ms. Carroll, Aye; Mr. Dubois, Aye; Ms. Koch, Aye; Mr. Lemperle, Aye; Mr. Lehning, Ms. Sweeney

Committee Report to the Town Board

Ms. Meisenzahl described her process in preparing the six proposals sent to the Committee for review. This included reviewing worksheets, minutes and submissions from Committee Members. The submissions will become an appendix to the proposal. The plan is to vote on what to submit to the Town Board and rank. She asked the Members for their thoughts.

Mr. Lehning reviewed each proposed location indicating positives and negatives ending with his preference of the old library (22 Monroe Street), Semmel Road Park and the Falls overlook as the top three.

It was agreed to remove the cemetery (does not meet the intent of the families), multiple locations and Route 64.

Mr. Lehning voiced concerns that the vest pocket park (Falls overlook) does not have enough space for a monument. He also expressed concern that linking the splash park to our proposal is not in keeping with our charge to recommend a monument. If the Town decides not to build a splash park, he does not want the decision to interfere with the Town's plan to establish a military memorial. Ms. Carrol stated that the Town is committed to the splash park project. The only problem could be that the park area is on an old landfill. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will advise on any issues going forward.

There was discussion of selecting the top three proposals and ranking them in preference. Mr. Lemperle stated two would be enough and Mr. Lehning repeated that the vest pocket park doesn't suit the intent. All agreed to submit two proposals, those being the Semmel Road Park and the Old Library.

Discussion continued on structures and costs. Mr. Lehning noted that the Committee's proposal should not include the splash park costs. Those costs were removed from the proposal. He added that the costs of the library proposal would also be appropriate for similar structures at the Semmel Road Park.

There was discussion on what material the monument would be composed of and the inscription.

Ms. Meisenzahl directed the attention to the Table of Contents. She reviewed names and rank, preface, acknowledgements and report format.

The Committee agreed to rank proposals, first choice being Semmel Road Park and second the Old Library (22 Monroe Street).

The next meeting is July 13th, at that time the proposal will be finalized. Ms. Koch will reach out to the Skoda and Prial families for endorsement. Ms. Sweeney stated she would be out of town on July 13th, but would try to attend by way of zoom.

Ms. Meisenzahl will talk to Supervisor Moffitt on mode of presentation for the Town Board meeting on August 9th at 7:00 pm.

Public Comment

No one on Zoom or in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.