

Minutes of the COA Board Meeting held May 27, 2021 (Virtual Meeting per Town of Mansfield)

Present: Richard Kelsay, Mary Hourigan, Tom Keogh, Joan Hoey, Neal Boldrighini, Lee Ann Cerretani, Josephine Madrazo, Director and Lynette Boldrighini, Assist. Director.

Call to order: Board Chairman Richard Kelsay opened the meeting at 4:31 PM with a reading of the Massachusetts Regulations governing virtual meetings.

Minutes of the Board Meeting from April 15, 2021: Minutes of said meeting were examined, Tom made a motion to accept them and Mary seconded the motion. No discussion and minutes were accepted by a unanimous roll call vote of the Board.

Director's Report by Josephine: The formula fund has been used recently for purchases including arts and craft projects as well as materials for the Memorial Committee refreshing of sites. Financial were sent to board and will be sent out again after meeting.

A survey has been crafted for the board to get a picture of how the pandemic effected seniors as well as gage their needs for the future. My Senior Center has a data base of 3000+ seniors that it will be sent to. Josephine asked the board to look it over and offer suggestions for improvement and to add things that may have been overlooked. When the board is comfortable with the finished product, it will be presented to the Town Manager for his review. A committee was formed, Mary and Tom, to look over data and organize data when we start to get responses from the residents.

Treasurer's Report by Tom: The budget has little change from last meeting. Motion to accept by Mary, seconded by Neal. Report accepted by Mary, Neal, Lee Anne, and Dick with Tom abstaining and Joan not present.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Memorial Committee is doing a great job with the sites due to the hard work, enthusiasm, as well as cooperation with the Garden Club, DPW, Mark Cook, Veteran's Agent, Earl Mason and Kevin McNatt. The site near the post office was spruced up as well as the Maple Street site with the help of the DPW. There is a plan to move the memorial on the corner of Copeland and Chauncey over to the site at the Post Office in the future bring these two lifelong friends KIA together. Benches will be in the future for two of the sites including the Post office and Albertini site. There is also a plan to move a Memorial on the South Common closer to where the Dough Boy statue is to make it more visible to the public. Earl Mason and Kevin McNatt supplied the names of all those KIA to the Veteran's Agent and cooperatively they were able to supply street signs for all to be recognized. Neal stated he had literature on every soldier but unfortunately, they will not be ready for Memorial Day but hoping they will be ready for Veteran's Day to be displayed on the South Common. Mary asked if when the project is completed if there was a way to get the newspaper involved to give publicity and extend thankyou all in one article. Josephine offered she has been in touch with Donna Whitehead on the subject.

New Business: Elections of Officer's took place after a lively discussion. New board members were not sure of the roles of each officer and there was discussion of the process not being fully understood by new members before voting took place. Dick gave a short synopsis of each officer's job description. There was some discussion of rotation of officers on a yearly basis so as not to burden one person with

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the responsibility. Tom offered that this is a subject that could be discussed further at a future meeting and put on the agenda. Leanne made a motion to continue discussion, seconded by Mary. All in favor, 6-0.

Dick asked that the June meeting be changed due to upcoming vacation. Josephine said that we could shelf it and she would email us dates for the next meeting. Tom made a motion to shelf meeting for June, seconded by Joan. Unanimous vote in favor, no June meeting.

Tom brought to the attention of the board the need for signage locating the COA. Tom suggested signs on both ends of Hope Street as a starting point with hopes of including the DPW and Select Board in the conversation. Neal made a motion to continue discussion next meeting, seconded by Tom, unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Boldrighini Assistant Director COA

Voting Summary:

2021-03 A vote to accept minutes from April 15th, 2021 Board Meeting. Tom Keogh made a motion to accept; seconded by Mary Hourigan. Affirmative-6; Negative – 0. Affirmative votes: Dick Kelsay, Tom Keogh, Mary Hourigan, Leanne Cerratini, Joan Hoey and Neal Boldrighini.

2021-03 Treasurer's Report Accepted and put on file. Mary Hourigan made a motion to accept; seconded by Neal Boldrighini. Affirmative -4, negative-0, Abstained-1. Affirmative vote: Dick Kelsay, Neal Boldrighini, Mary Hourigan, Leanne Cerratini. Tom Keogh Abstained. Joan Hoey excused, virtual connection dropped.

2021-03 A vote to further discuss rotation of officers on a yearly basis at a future meeting. Leanne Cerratini made a motion, Tom Keogh seconded. Affirmative -5, Negative -0. Joan Hoey excused virtual connection dropped.

2021-03 A vote to shelf June meeting. Tom Keogh made a motion to accept, Seconded by Joan Hoey. Affirmative -6, negative -0. Affirmative votes: Tom Keogh, Joan Hoey, Mary Hourigan, Neal Boldrighini, Leanne Cerratini, and Dick Kelsay.

2021-03 A vote to continue discussion on signage locating the COA next meeting. Neal Boldrighini made motion to accept, seconded by Tom Keogh. Affirmative -6, Negative 0. Affirmative votes: Tom Keogh, Neal Boldrighini, Mary Hourigan, Dick Kelsay, Joan Hoey and Leanne Cerratini.

