Ad Hoc Committee for the Robert Tedford Memorial
Special Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2020
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Kraus, Thomas Boscarino, Dustin Huguenin, Tim Webb, Felicia LaPlante, Lisa Houlihan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jcanne Tedford, Kate Tedford

OTHERS PRESENT: Julia Connor

I. Call to Order
Chairman Boscarino called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. Citizens’ Forum [non-agenda items]: No citizens came forward.

III. Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2020

MOVED (WEBB), SECONDED (HOULIHAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Memorial Bench at Arbor Park

Thomas Boscarino reported that the application to donate the memorial bench honoring Mr. Tedford and Mr. DiCorleto was approved and accepted by the Board of Selectmen at their April 13, 2020 meeting. The Committee was asked to work with the Department of Public Works in terms of placement and installation; Mr. Boscarino will order the bench. He asked if it needed to be a particular color; Tim Webb responded that there were a couple of options, including hunter green or black, which would be consistent with what is currently at the park. Mr. Boscarino asked the Committee members if they had a color preference; hunter green was the consensus. The members also discussed size and whether six or eight feet would be a better option. Sherry Kraus expressed that an eight-foot bench would be nice; this was the size that was agreed upon. General placement was briefly discussed, and it was decided that the bench would be placed on the side of Arbor Park that is closest to Arbor Commons.

V. Other Business

Dustin Huguenin shared that the plaques for the schools have not yet been ordered. He stated that when he contacted Vernon Trophy Shop, they offered both bronze and aluminum casting options; he feels that
the bronze may look nicer, but it is more expensive. He asked the members if they had a preference on this design element. It was decided that the material, size and configuration would match Mr. Michaud’s plaque that is in the Public Works Office.

MOVED (BOSCARINO), SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A SCHOOL MEMORIAL PLAQUE DESIGN OF THE SAME MATERIAL, SIZE AND CONFIGURATION AS THE PLAQUE DISPLAYED IN PUBLIC WORKS RECOGNIZING MR. MICHAUD.

Mr. Huguenin asked if there should be a dedication ceremony for the memorial plaques in the school gymnasiums, maybe before a future varsity basketball game at Ellington High School. Chairman Boscarino also mentioned incorporating the memorial bench into some kind of ceremony. It was decided that further coordination efforts for these items should be handled by the Parks and Recreation Commission; any kind of ceremony for the bench will also include Mr. DiCorleto’s family. Felicia LaPlante stated that she will get the Commission members a balance sheet of the Robert Tedford Memorial Fund prior to their meetings.

Chairman Boscarino thanked each member for their time, hard work and dedication throughout this entire process. He expressed that it was a difficult but very special task they were charged with and that he was very pleased with the coordination and planning of everyone involved.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (HOULIHAN), SECONDED (KRAUS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:26 PM.

Submitted by ____________________________
Julia Connor