

Would Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting

5/8/2019

- Attendance: Andrea Cox, Sandra Lane, Lara Sargent, Ken Perley, Russ Lane, Candy Congdon
- Updates: Andrea talked to Peter about the DEP meeting and he said everything went very well and it would be about 6 months before we have a permit in place. Peter said we should have a materials list at the next meeting so that will give the committee some time to work on funding. Lara will apply for the Home Depot grant for gift cards toward materials once we have that list.
- Andrea mentioned getting a sign that informs people about the Riverwalk that is being planned. The group talked about various materials that could be used for this. The group will ask Joyce if she could make two signs, similar to the one she already did, that could be used to inform people of the “future home of the Bristol Veterans Memorial”.
- Andrea discussed the involvement of the Old Bristol Historical Society with this project. Since Russ is a member, he will bring the idea of having a space for the donated veteran items in the new building at some point when things are more organized at the Pemaquid Mill property.
- The group discussed posting the meetings going forward since the committee is now official. Lara will post the future committee meetings on the town website and sign. Andrea will talk to Chris about how to pay to advertise the future meetings in the LCN.
- Ken provided an update about the old WWI and WWII veterans sign. He said a new sign that includes all veterans would need to be three times the size of the existing sign (or more) to include all of the names that have been gathered for this memorial. The group discussed other “stand alone” signs as an option to one big sign. Ken suggested signs outside that didn’t have names, but were dedicated to specific wars for example, and then possibly something located inside that had the individual names listed. Ken suggested that maybe some wording could be added to the existing sign about all of the wars that Bristol Veterans have fought in.
- Armed Forces Day is May 18, 2019 and the group will be serving light refreshments on Saturday 5/18 from 8-10am.
- Next Steps:
1. Lara will submit a press release about 5/18 and put it on the sign
 2. Donations of refreshments will be brought to Ellingwood the morning of 5/18
 3. Andrea will start an email conversation with Jessica about setting up a page at the town website
- Next Meeting: 6/12/2019