

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Veterans Memorial Design Presentation May 20, 2019 at 6:00pm

Councilors Pepin, Vincent, Dumont, Austin, Michaud, Witham, Cameron, and Levasseur were present.

Mayor Hilliard opened the workshop at 6:00pm by welcoming Jennifer Martel of Ironwood Design.

Ms. Martel presented a conceptual design for the Somersworth Veterans Memorial at Stein Park. The presentation is on file.

Some of the elements of the design that are not mentioned in the presentation are:

- Current path will be cement and ADA compliant
- Existing monuments will be utilized
- Brick pavers will be engraved memorials
- Flag poles will be lighted
- Lighting throughout the memorial
- Electricity will be available for sound systems
- There will be a Geotech survey completed to check for ledge before the start of the project
- Irrigation system throughout

Following the presentation, the following questions were asked.

Mayor Hilliard asked about the timeframe of the project, stating that he would like to have a dedication on Veterans Day in November.

Ms. Martel stated the project will take 4-5 weeks for construction. Custom Pavers and Donor Benches will have to be ordered. The start of the project depends on the bidding process.

Councilor Vincent asked if the plants would be self-watering.

Ms. Martel stated that there would be an irrigation system hooked up the Summersworth Historical Museum.

Councilor Vincent went on to ask if there would be any kind of memorial for the men and women who died in the line of duty who were from Somersworth.

Ms. Martel stated that the Bricks could be used for that. They are also looking into a website to accompany the Veterans Memorial, with a QR code at the park to direct visitors to the website. Another vision is to utilize the Summersworth Historical Museum to encourage this to be an educational piece and a living memorial.

City Manager Belmore stated that the bump out or apron at the sidewalk is not part of the cost. It will be approximately \$40-50,000 for that piece. That will be part of the complete streets project. There is also a Coast bus shelter in that area that will need to be moved away from the memorial.

Councilor Witham stated that Fair Court has been discontinued as a City Street. He would like to see some granite or boulders to delineate between the memorial park area and the private property.

Councilor Dumont asked about visual presentations for Memorial Day.
City Manager stated that large posters will be available.

Mayor Hilliard moved this topic to the Finance Committee for further review.

With no further questions or comments from Council, the Workshop adjourned at 6:46pm

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Harris, City Clerk