

**TOWN OF WINTERPORT
MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
TOWN CONFERENCE ROOM / ZOOM
August 14, 2023 @ 7:30 PM**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil Higgins, Kevin Kelley, Matt Williams.

CALL TO ORDER: August 14, 2023 @ 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Not applicable, 1st meeting of the ADOC committee

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Not applicable, 1st meeting of the ADOC committee

SPEAKERS

- None scheduled

NEW BUSINESS:

- Quorum present to establish committee.
- Nomination:
 - Motion to nominate: M. Williams, Chair. 1st Higgins. 2nd K. Kelley, motion carries.
 - Motion to nominate: P. Higgins as V. Chair, 1st M. Williams, 2nd K. Kelley, motion carries
 - Motion to nominate: K. Kelley, secretary, 1st M. Williams, 2nd P. Higgin, motion carries.
- Discussed intent of the committee to establish a memorial for the two Medal of Honor recipients:
 - Medal of Honor recipients:
 - 1st Lt Fernald, Albert E.
 - Company F, 20th Maine Infantry, U.S. Army
 - Awarded: 10 May 1865, Civil War.
 - Birth: 13 MAY 1838, Winterport, ME
 - Death: 3 DEC 1908
 - Buried: Oak Hill Cemetery, Section VIII, Lot 418.
 - During a rush at the enemy, Lt Fernald, during a scuffle, capture the flag of the 9TH Virginia Infantry (C.S.A.).
 - Sgt Fournier, William G.
 - Company M, 35TH Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. U.S. Army (Prior Navy 10 Years).
 - Awarded: 5 JUN 1943, posthumously, WW II.
 - Entered service: Winterport, ME
 - Born: 21 JUN 1913.
 - Death: 13 JAN 1943 (age 29).
 - Buried: Honolulu, Hawaii, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.
 - Place and Date: Mount Austen, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, 10 JAN 1943.
 - "For gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty. As a leader of a machine gun section charged with the protection of other battalion units, his group was attacked by a superior number of Japanese, his gunner killed, his assistant gunner wounded, and an adjoining gun crew put out of action. Ordered a withdraw from his hazardous position, Sgt Fournier refused to retire but rushed forward to the idle gun and, with aid of another soldier who joined him, held up the machine gone by the tripod to increase its field action. They opened fire and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. While so engaged both of these gallant soldiers were killed, but their sturdy defensive was a decisive factor in the following success of the attacking battalion".
- Discussed:
 - Potential locations.
 - Type of memorial.
 - Financing for the memorial.
 - Event.
- Secretary will reach out to the Town Manager for other potential committee members

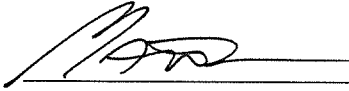
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SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

- September 11, 2023 @ 10 am, location TBD.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 7:18 pm. 1st P Higgins, 2nd M. Williams . Motion carries.

 _____, Chair

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Secretary: Kevin J. Kelley