

**Minutes of Somersworth Veterans Park Commission Meeting
City Hall Council Chamber
Monday, January 14, 2019**

Committee Members present: Martin Dumont, Chairman
Richard Michaud, Vice Chairman
Cathy Burns
Eric Mommsen
Richard A. Gagnon
Bill Wenners
Raymond Doyon
Paul Spendley
Brian McKay
Jenne Holmes
Claudette Bayko

Administration present: Bob Belmore, City Manager
Dana Hilliard, Mayor
Mike Bobinsky, Director of Public Works

Excused absent: Doreen Cole
John Gregoire

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dumont at 3:58pm. Motion to accept the minutes of the last minutes as written and reviewed was made by Vice Chairman Richard Michaud, seconded by Jenne Holmes, motion passed unanimously by hand vote.

Chairman Dumont introduced Mr. Jeff Hyland and Jen Martel of Ironwood Design Group for workshop presentation of their findings & drawings of the topography of Stein Park and discussion of details, visualization, and a round table discussion of an evolving plan for Somersworth's Veterans Park within Stein Park. All members were encouraged to give input and share their ideas. Included in the discussions among those present: purpose of the park, celebratory space or solemn to honor veterans, monuments? How many? Technology kiosk, meandering walkway, with purchased memorial bricks, audio tours, bring things to life through stories of our veterans, celebrate, honor, educate. Mayor Hilliard reminded the committee that our charge is to build a Veterans Park.

In conclusion Ironwood Design Group taking all the ideas presented will bring back to this committee within one month, a refined design with alternate sub. options to be fine tuned and then final concept presented to a City Council Workshop as an efficient plan with the best possible solution. Chairman Dumont thanked Jeff Hyland and Jen Martel for their presentation and workshop. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Spendley, seconded by Brian McKay; meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm.

Chairman Dumont will set the next meeting and notify the committee by email.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudette Bayko, Committee member