

**BEDFORD VILLAGE COMMON DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (BVDC)**  
**Minutes, Working Meeting, January, 20, 2012**  
**Bedford, New Hampshire**

Chair Beverly Thomas opened the meeting at 5:40pm at the Bedford Safety Complex. Other members attending were: Bill Dermody (Town Council), Ken Peterson (Town Council Alternate), Richard Poisson, Deb Sklar, and Jeanene Procopis. Also present was Cynthia May.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL:** Richard Poisson led a discussion of the Veterans Memorial. The memorial will contain: 1) a brick pad measuring 10' X 16' and containing 500 bricks; 2) two 25' flag poles - one with the USA flag and one with the Prisoner of War flag; 3) a pentagon planting bed with 6-foot sections of granite curbing and optional keys at each angle; 4) a central monument marker next to the granite curbing; and 5) granite pavers at 16" X 16".

The Committee reviewed the idea of "branch of service" medallions and whether they could be imbedded in the brick pad. Ken Peterson stated that is type of medallion should not be placed on a surface that people will walk on. Other suggestions were made for displaying the medallions such as placing them at the key [corner] locations of the pentagon or on small granite posts on the same grade as the central monument marker. Ken Peterson stated that medallions can be purchased ready-made. There is a regulation that service medallions must be for official use only. Ken and Deb will contact Senators Kelly Ayotte's and Jean Shaheen's offices about obtaining this designation.

At the foot of the brick pad there will be a granite plaque with the words "Veterans Memorial" and the Town of Bedford seal. There was a discussion about a plaque to honor the major donor of the memorial.

There was consensus that the Committee should consider a new design for displaying the major branch of service medallions. Members agreed to simplify the brick pad design by deleting: 1) the eight small pavers for the Guard and Reserve forces; and 2) the 16" X 16" granite stepping pavers in front of each park bench and at the foot of the brick pad. Cynthia May will work on a design solution for the service medallions and update the Veterans Memorial plan.

A discussion developed on an appropriate memorial message for the monument marker. Ken Peterson suggested "All Gave Some, Some Gave All". Jeanene volunteered to get estimates for a bronze plaque of approximately 12" X 24" with the suggested wording. Richard will prepare a budget for the memorial.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm  
Minutes prepared by:  
Jeanene Procopis, Member