

**Somerville Veterans' Commission on Monuments, Memorials & Dedications  
(VetCMMMD) Meeting - \*HYBRID\***



**KATJANA BALLANTYNE  
MAYOR**



**COMMISSIONERS**

Kevin Dickinson

Thomas Gorman

James Marques

Ellen Sullivan

Jodi Vachon

*^Chair – Tom White*

**November 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes** *(approved 12/11/2025)*

**Meeting Date: Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Time: 4:30p – 5:30p EST**

**Location: \*HYBRID at Central Library – 79 Highland Avenue, Somerville**

**Members Present:**

*<sup>^</sup>=non-voting member*

Kevin Dickinson, Tom Gorman(Zoom), James Marques, Ellen Sullivan, <sup>^</sup>Tom White-Chair(Zoom)

**Members Absent:** Jodi Vachon

**1. Meeting was Called to Order at 4:34pm Adjourned at 5:13pm**

**2. Prior Meeting Minutes:** *Motion* to approve 10/02/2025 MINUTES by JMarques, 2nd simultaneously by KDickinson & TGorman **APPROVED**.

**3. Meeting Motions, Actions & Summary:**

**a) Meeting Motions:**

➤ None

**b) Actions:** *The board will:* 1)will finalize plan for next Heroes Salute Dedication ceremony 2)continue planning Veterans Day/Week 3)monitor progress of Korean and Vietnam Memorials-Central Hill Project 4)will track progress of FY26 Funding Cycle for Veterans Cemetery Project

**c) Summary:**

*Hero Square Dedications:*

-No New applications

-three Heroes being dedicated for 11/13 Ceremony; dry run scheduled at high school after meeting

Monuments/Memorials:

- Full application submitted as well as presentation on 10/22 completed for the Community Preservation Act (CPA) FY26 Funding Cycle for Veterans Cemetery and selected monuments within city.
- Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) FY2026 Veterans Heritage Grant Application for Somerville Veterans Heritage Documentation & Digital Preservation project: Deadline 11/11/2025 (*matching grant using department monument/memorials budget line*)

Events:

- 11/10 – 11/15** Veterans Day 2025 Activities planning:
  - 11/11: 11a – Veterans Day Ceremony at Dilboy Post 529  
2p – Milk Row Cemetery
  - 11/13: Heroes Salute Dedication Ceremony at Somerville High School Auditorium at 6:30pm *\*plans finalized with assigned roles/tasks*
- 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration! (Marines/Navy Birthday)** November 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30p at Medford American Legion
- Next monthly Veterans Breakfast** at Highlander Café 11/20/2025 9-1030a

Discussions:

- \*Open to guests/public comments: NONE
- \*New - ADA accessibility for the Korean War Memorial *\*site visit by commissioners & staff; follow up with guidance from Accessibility Services Division & Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development(OSPCD)*

**Next monthly meeting: 12/4 -REMOTE**

4. **Motion to Adjourn** by KDickinson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by TGorman. **Adjourned at 5:13pm**