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**MINUTES OF THE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**MEETING OF
April 3, 2025**

A meeting of the Historic District Commission was held on April 3, 2025 in the Community Development Conference Room at Salem Town Hall.

PRESENT: Mike Banks, Chair; Patricia Good, Vice-Chair; Beverly Glynn, Secretary; Howie Glynn; Kathryn Burke, and Jacob LaFontaine, Planning Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

OLD BUSINESS

304 MAIN STREET – VETERAN’S PARK AT SALEM COMMON

Mr. Banks providing a recap of the previous meeting and acknowledged the presence of Project Salem members (Pam Russell, Pat Hargraves, Cathy Stacy), members of American Legion (Paul Pelletier, Dennis Coleman) and Historical Society members.

After much discussion, the main concern was the color and height of the proposed black granite monument.

The Commission raised the following concerns/items:

- Vietnam Veteran Markers (12) moving outside of present area will be placed in new garden beds within the Common.
- Curved Black Granite to replace the current monuments – overall height not to exceed 7'.
- Pathways to be level and smooth ensuring ADA Compliance
- Incorporated brick pavers to maintain historic aesthetic of pathway, shall be ADA compliant.
- Pathway to be level with entrance way of Gazebo with lighting on Pathway and underground lighting in other areas.
- Crèche, Christmas Tree, Cannons, and Corner Stone to stay in same locations.
- Permanent base to be established at present location for the Crèche display area.
- Trees (fruit) along Bridge Street to be removed.
- Project will not interfere with the Salem's 275th Anniversary celebrations as planned.
- Set up Trust Fund for any future major repairs in the Veterans Park Area. Town of Salem Municipal Services (DPW) will continue to provide maintenance as currently provided. Mrs. Glynn to assist Project Salem with getting the process started.

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1 - Provide the Historical Society with a complete list of names, engraved location, list of
2 names removed or placed elsewhere. This document will be kept at the Salem
3 Meetinghouse for public use.
4 - Name on the front corner of Veterans Park to be changed to "Veterans Park at Salem
5 Common".

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7 Mr. Banks encouraged Commission members to visit Veterans Park on April 4th to view the site
8 and noted that Mr. Hargraves and Mrs. Russell would be present during the day to discuss
9 concerns with the height, position and color of the stone proposed for the main monument.

10 **THE MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:15 PM.**

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12 Minutes by: Beverly Glynn, Historic District Secretary

13 Approved: Historic District Commission

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15 Date: