



Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET

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Thomas F. Cooke - Director of Administrative Services

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSION FORM

1. **Title of Submission: Veterans Memorial at 725 Hopmeadow Street and Library Driveway**
2. **Date of submission: April 24, 2014**
3. **Date of Board Meeting: April 28, 2014**
4. **Individual or Entity making the submission: Terri-Ann Hahn, LADA, 104 West Street Simsbury, CT**
5. **Action requested of the Board of Selectmen (Acceptance of gift, creation of reserve, approval of contract, information only, etc. Be as specific as possible with respect to the desired action of the Board.):**
The Board of Selectmen is requested to:

Approve the attached plan for the proposed Veterans Memorial
6. **Individual(s) responsible for submission (Please include complete contact information. The identified individual(s) should be prepared to present information to the Board of Selectmen at the Board Meeting.):**

Terri-Ann Hahn, LADA
7. **Summary of Submission (Include in your summary (i) relevant dates and timelines; (ii) parties involved; (iii) a description of financial terms and conditions specifically identifying the financial exposure/commitment of the Town of Simsbury; (iv) whether or not contracts, licenses and other legal documents have been reviewed by the Town's counsel; and (v) other information that will inform the Board of Selectmen's consideration of your submission. Include any additional information in an attached memorandum.):**

The Veterans Memorial has been approved as shown on the attached plan by:

- Conservation Commission
- Design Review Board
- Zoning Commission (most recently on 4/22/14)

8. **Description of documents included with submission (All documents must be in final form and signed by the appropriate party.):**

The following documents are included with this submission and attached hereto:

Attachments include plan sheets as follows:

- Cover Sheet; L-1
- Context Plan Sheet; L-1.1
- Master Plan Sheet; L-1.2
- Grading Plan Sheet; L-2
- Layout Plan Sheet; L-3
- Detail Sheets; L-4.1, L-4.2, L-4.3.
- Erosion Control Plan Sheet; L-5.1
- Erosion Control Details Sheet; L-5.2, and
- Explanatory memo dated March 15, 2014

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

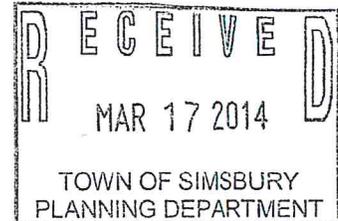
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March 15, 2014

Mr. Hiram Peck, Director of Planning
Town of Simsbury
933 Hopmeadow Street
Simsbury, CT 06070



RE: Simsbury Veterans Memorial

Dear Mr. Peck,

The Simsbury Veterans Memorial Committee has been actively working to redesign the project following the attached October 23, 2013 Design Review Board (DRB) memo. We have met with the First Selectwoman who has reviewed the new design. In addition we have worked with Mr. Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer, to address several of the questions asked by the DRB. Please accept the attached site plan and renderings in response to the DRB comments and place this project on the next DRB agenda.

The new design includes four granite columns which have the names of those Simsbury soldiers who lost their lives serving this country. The four columns, representing the four pillars of American Democracy, are inscribed with elements facing the street as well as elements which would face a future pond. The plaza remains oriented toward the street and is designed to enhance the streetscape along Hopmeadow Street. The proposed renderings show the overall plaza design and orientation and detail regarding the columns.

We offer the following comments in response to the DRB memo-

1. We have prepared a number of pond layouts and discussed them with Rich. We have attached the most likely scenario that shows the proposed project and how the grading for the two elements would blend to allow a path down to the pond water elevation. The project includes a planted slope which would be expanded when the pond is built.
2. The columns are now visible from all four sides and the plaza extends so you can walk around the columns.
3. The proposed flagpole height will be 35'.

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4. We have included a possible pond layout as attached. The proposed project does not in any way interfere with the pond and we are showing how a walkway could be extended below the memorial down to the waters edge. The proposed memorial does not conflict or limit the pond in any way.
5. The proposed design reflects the aesthetics preferred by the veterans and we believe it will be a significant asset to the streetscape on Hopmeadow Street.
6. All vertical elements meet the 10' setback requirements including the flagpole.
7. The design has changed so that there is now a wide walkway through grass to the plaza.

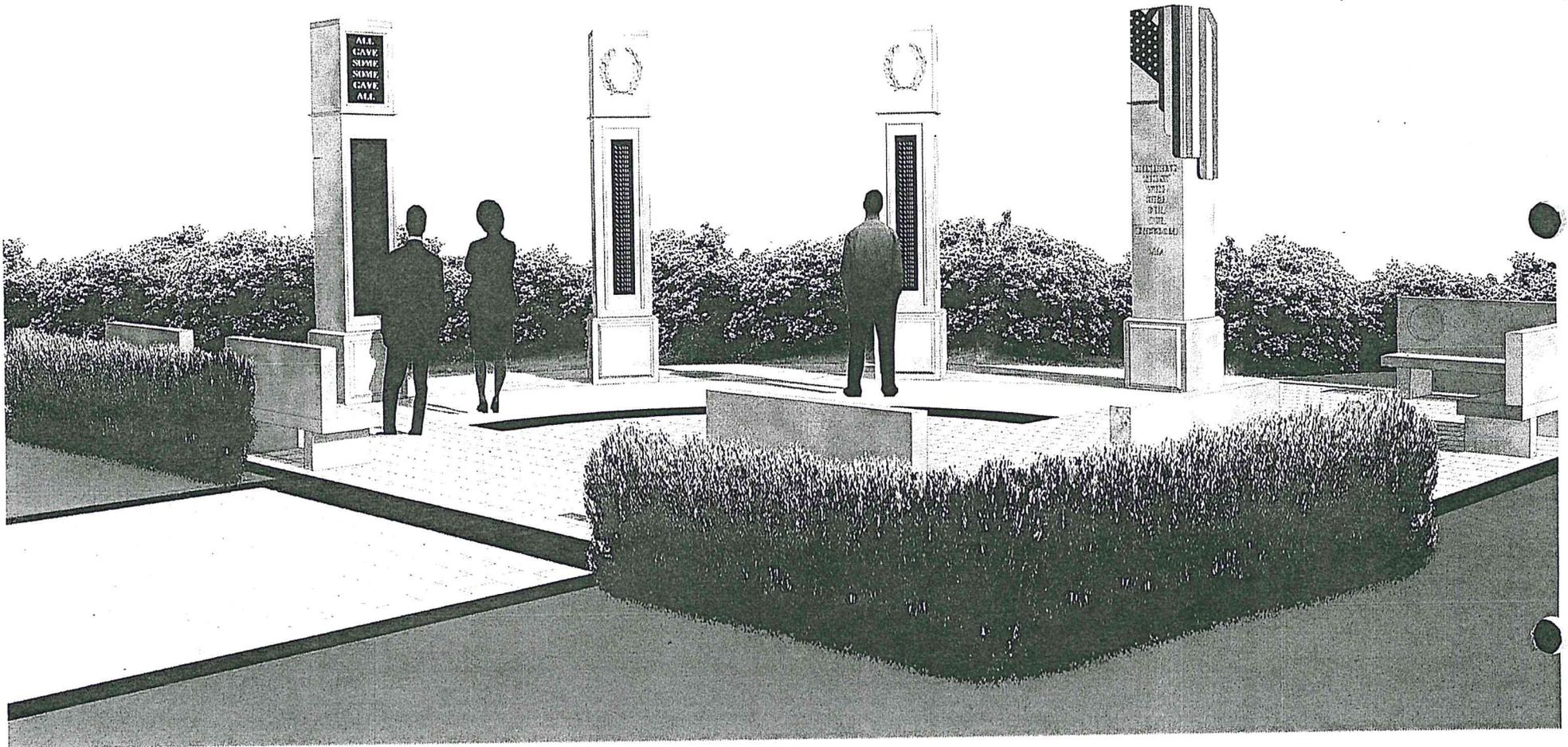
At this time, we request that the DRB approve the project so that it may continue the review process to begin construction in the summer.

Thank you for your time,



Terri-Ann Hahn
Principal

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Bruce Elliot

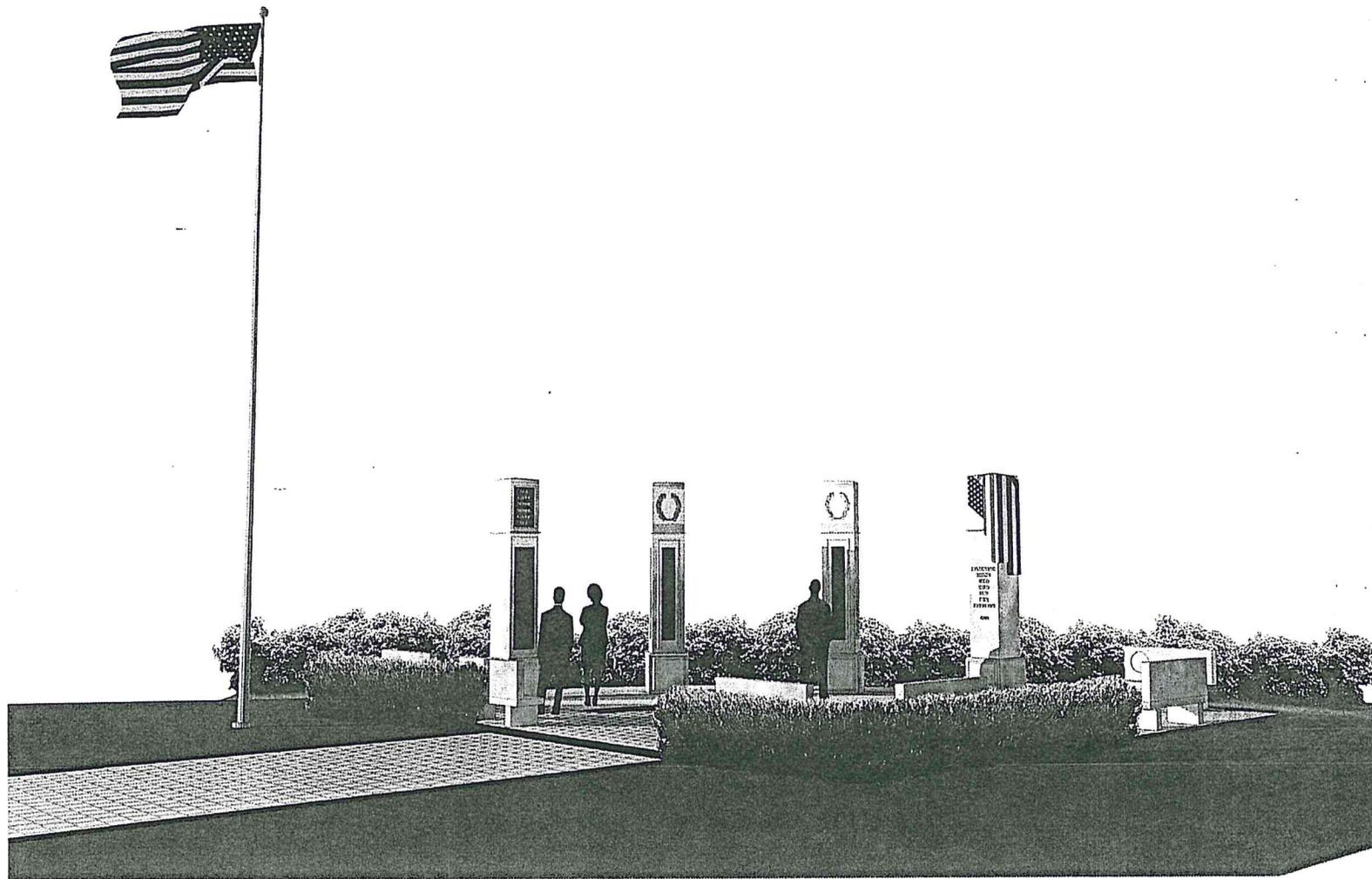


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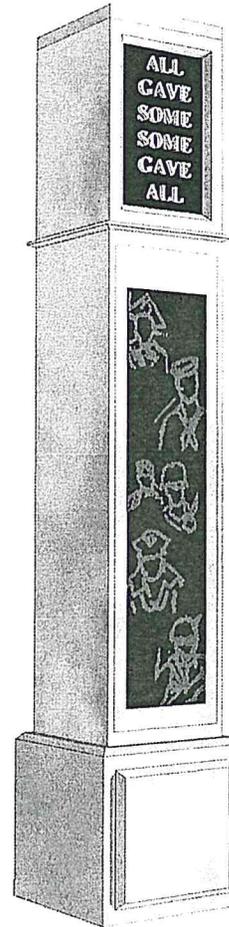
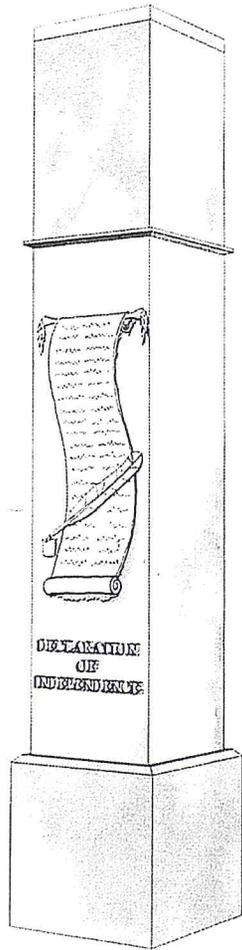


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October.23, 2013

To: Terri-Ann Hahn, LADA

From: Hiram Peck, Director of Planning

Re: Veterans Memorial

As we discussed, on Tuesday 10/22/13, I asked the DRB to comment on the most recent design for the Veterans Memorial and make any suggestions they thought would improve the project.

Following are the essential comments that were made:

1. The creation of the pond which was part of the original library design, and also part of the Town Center charrette process should be considered as an integral part of any final design for the memorial. This may mean reconsideration of how the memorial will be perceived with the pond in the rear as opposed to a stand of trees. The visibility thorough the memorial with the pond in the background will make a substantial difference as to how the entire setting is perceived. It was felt the inclusion (acknowledgement) of the pond in the design at this time would make for a more integrated design and product.
2. The finish of the back side of the memorial should be considered as it will likely be visible from a number of locations in addition to the Hopmeadow frontage.
3. The proposed flagpole should be increased in height from 25 feet to 40 feet.
4. Coordination of the memorial construction along with the pond construction should be undertaken at this time so that the overall design of the rear walkway of the memorial can be more naturally integrated into the overall design of both elements. The rear portion of the walkway should be blended more smoothly into to overall footprint.
5. All the DRB members felt the use of the pillars should be reconsidered and reviewed in the context of the location and the fact that a more rural contemplative setting. Possibly the benches overlooking the pond would be a larger part of the design than is currently the case would be helpful to the overall design.
6. The required minimum setback per the Town Center Code is 10 feet from the ROW lane.
7. The memorial should be set back further from the corner of the library driveway so as to give the entire memorial more "breathing room" and a greater feeling of open ness around it. Currently the plaza has a crowded feeling as pinched between busy Hopmeadow Street and a busy Library driveway. This may mean working with the Town Engineer to arrive at a better concept for the interface of the rear of the memorial and the pond edge and grading.

If you would like to meet to discuss these recommendations, please let me know.

