

# NEWBURY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

April 7, 2009

To: Veteran's Memorial Committee

Subj: Agenda

Meeting Time: April 7, 2009 - 2:00 PM

Agenda Topics:



1. What to do with the Vet's Hall building given the "sense of the meeting" from the Town Meeting - A review of Ron's comments can guide us through the discussion as questions needing to be addressed. His observations are:
  - I think the folks that raised their hands to the option of demolishing the Vets Hall werethinking more of todays economic situation than of developing a proper memorial
  - I do not know of a detailed engineering and structural analysis of the Hall; therefore, the estimate for upgrading may be grossly inflated without full study of the options
  - The foundation is in good condition and the structure seems in good condition
  - There are no toilet facilities, buta sleeve was placed under I03 so a sanitary connection could be made to the Town Office system, which was sized to accommodate the Vets Hall
  - An often stated objection to saving the Hall is the lack of parking, but one dosen't have to park at the Hall to appreciate the building and use it
  - It would seem the Hall could be improved and made a Veteran's Museum. What a great way to display and preserve photos, history books and papers, memorabilia, historical DVD's,etc. It could also serve as the place to show DVD movies of WWII, Korea, Veitnam, Iraq, etc. Many young people today have no appreciation of these wars and the impact they made on the country, the vets and their families.
2. Review associated costs related to the Vet's Hall renovation as proffered by the Facilities Committee's Architect.
3. Select "preferred" site for the memorial (no more than two alternatives by end of meeting).
5. Determine the scope and nature of a "fitting" memorial (nail down what the memorial should look like) bringing the options to a manageable list of two or three(max) alternatives.
5. Develop deliverables, time frames and action items for assignment to individual(s) members.