

**VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2016**

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 70 West River Street, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:04PM and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Flowers, Chairman
Christine Smith, Vice Chairman
John Jansen
Niles Mackenzie
Gregory Smith
Pattie Deer
Russell Edwards

GUESTS PRESENT

Ben Blake, Mayor
Michael Casey, Board of Aldermen
Wayne Carson
William Kates

- I. **Milford Moves for our Veterans 5K Run & Walk** – The 5K Run & Walk, which was held in June 2016 and sponsored by Milford Bank, raised \$8,000 for veteran organizations in Milford. A presentation was made by Celeste Lohrenz of Milford Bank and she presented checks to American Legion Post 196 (Rich Jones); VFW Devon Post 7788 (Joe Razzaia); DAV Chapter 15 (Ed Monroe) and VVA Chapter 251 (Russ Edwards). A photo shoot on the steps of the Veterans Memorial Auditorium followed the presentation.
- II. **Consideration of Minutes** – P. Deer made a motion to accept the July 2016 Minutes as distributed. C. Smith seconded; all in favor.
- III. **Public Comment/Questions** – None.
- IV. **Chairman’s Report** – None.
- V. **Unfinished Business**
1. Veterans Memorial Auditorium Military Hall of Honor
 - a. The Committee and guests toured the Military Hall of Honor. Discussion ensued as to the location / relocation of new and current plaques, along with space requirements / constraints.
 - b. Other suggestions for Military Hall of Honor include having large, flat screen displays scrolling names, photos, etc. of veterans represented or a kiosk where one could input a veteran’s information and have that individual featured in the Hall for a period of time. Request veteran photos from city residents for inclusion in the Hall.
 - c. Thinking of how to draw people in; ways to make the Hall more current and interesting. More events at the Auditorium; have the building open to the public.
 - d. Plaque for post-Vietnam veterans – entitled Global War on Terrorism – should be created in the same motif as the other plaques.
 - e. G. Smith made a motion that the City of Milford, Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission, will undertake a plan to update the names and plaques in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium to include pre-World War I and Post-Vietnam federally-recognized conflict periods. Further, the Gulf War and

Global War on Terrorism periods will be sectioned by first year of service during the respective conflict. P. Deer seconded; all in favor.

2. Building Maintenance / Repairs - All building issues have been reported.
3. Liberty Rock Park – Chairman Flowers spoke with the Mayor about the condition of Liberty Rock Park. Open Space Manager, Steve Johnson, went to the site and reports that the City will clean it up.

VI. **New Business**

1. Veterans Day
 - a. Parade will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Form-up at 9:30/10AM; step-off at 10:30AM. Parade will end at noon.
 - b. Discussion on guest speaker and Grand Marshal underway. Will be discussed further at next meeting.
 - c. Wreath laying to be held on Friday, November 11, 2016 at 11AM.

VII. **Good of the Order**

None.

VIII. **Possible Agenda Topics**

None.

IX. **Announcements**

None.

Being no further business to discuss, C. Smith made a motion to adjourn. P. Deer seconded; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:28PM.

Next meeting to be held on September 12, 2016 at 7PM at the Fowler Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner
Recording Secretary