

**VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 11, 2016**

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular meeting on Monday, January 11, 2016 at the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:06PM and those present stood for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Flowers, Chairman  
Pattie Deer  
Russell Edwards  
John Jansen  
Niles MacKenzie

EXCUSED

Christine Smith, Vice Chairman  
Gregory Smith

GUESTS PRESENT

Wayne Carson  
Bill Kates  
Don Sweeney  
Betsy Walsh

II. Consideration of Minutes: December 14, 2015 Minutes were reviewed. Motion made by R. Edwards that the Minutes be accepted as distributed; seconded by J. Jansen. All in favor; motion carried.

III. Public Comment/Questions: None.

IV. Chairman's Report:

- a) Chairman Flowers welcomed Niles MacKenzie as the newest member of the VCPC.
- b) T. Flowers met with Sly Long, Director of Building Maintenance, several times regarding building security. Locks have been changed and all residents now have keys to their offices. Flags have been replaced. He will look into outside lighting.
- c) T. Flowers spoke with Bruce Kuryla, Harbor Master, about a possible gazebo rededication ceremony.
- d) Chairman Flowers spoke with the City Clerk's office and requested a listing of veteran residents, via City tax records, for the Gulf War Period (August 1990 – present) so their names can be included on the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Hall of Honor Gulf War Plaque. D. Sweeney suggested contacting Sean Connolly, Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for a list of tax records by Zip Code. T. Flowers to follow-up.
- e) Restoration of graves in Old Milford Cemetery was discussed. Possible funding may be available through a state or federal grant. T. Flowers to investigate further.

- V. Unfinished Business:
- a) Milford Rotary – a service dog for a deserving vet remains available.
  - b) 2016 Veterans Day Parade – T. Flowers contacted the Downtown Milford Business Association (DMBA) and Chamber of Commerce about changing the day/time to Saturday at 11AM as a way to increase attendance. No response received from the Chamber; DMBA was not receptive to the change. Chairman Flowers will follow-up. N. MacKenzie suggested contacting the Coast Guard Academy and SEAL Teams out of New London to generate more interest.
  - c) Gazebo at boat ramp – Research continues on the gazebo's history.
- VI. New Business:
- a) P. Deer brought up that the POW flag on the Green is tattered and needs replacing.
  - b) R. Edwards asked if Home Depot's offer to do a project for a veteran still exists. T. Flowers to look into.
- VII. Good of the Order: None.
- VIII. Possible Agenda Topics: None.
- IX. Announcements: None.

Being no further business to discuss, R. Edwards made a motion to adjourn, seconded by P. Deer. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Next meeting will be held on February 8, 2016 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary