

VETERANS, CEREMONY, AND PARADE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2015

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2015 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, 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
Russell Edwards
John Jansen
Gregory Smith

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Pattie Deer
Christopher Roberts

GUESTS PRESENT

Richard Shea

II. Consideration of Minutes: December 8, 2014 Minutes were reviewed. Motion made by J. Jansen that the minutes be accepted as corrected, seconded by C. Smith. All in favor; motion carried.

III. Public Comment/Questions: None.

IV. Chairman's Report: None.

V. Unfinished Business

a) Veterans Memorial Auditorium

- a. Detailed discussion regarding having the Military Hall of Honor opened and manned by volunteers on Fridays and Saturdays; creating a FAQ handout; advertising; display of artifacts; etc.
- b. E. Muth provided VCPC with a floor plan of the Hall of Honor, indicating the suggested placement of several plaques representing the numerous wars, conflicts and other events Milford residents have served in. A review and discussion of the plan ensued.
- c. VCPC discussed adding a plaque for "20th Century Contingency Operations".
- d. VCPC to gather more names of Milford veterans for inclusion on the plaques. Chairman Flowers to gain clarification on the tax exemption status of veterans with the Town Clerk's Office and Tax Assessors Office.
- e. The criteria for having veterans names included on plaques was discussed. Are all Milford veterans eligible or is it intended for those who served "boots on the ground" during wars and/or conflicts?
- f. Once the Hall of Honor is nearer to completion, a press release will be issued and a formal ceremony planned.

b) Building Maintenance: The kitchen mold issue has not been resolved. Work order was placed shortly after its discovery in December. Chairman Flowers to follow-up with Public Works and check on its status.

c) Building Usage: C. Smith emailed to VCPC members and building tenants the URL link to the Fowler Building Usage Calendar.

- VI. New Business:
- a) Memorial Day
- a. A granite memorial stone, honoring Corporal Jordan Pierson, to be placed at the Memorial Flagpole. Stone needs to have his name etched onto it. Chairman Flowers to speak with Milford Monument regarding pricing and engraving.
 - b. Memorial weekend activities include planting flags at cemeteries around Milford on Saturday, May 23rd; wreath laying ceremony and parade are scheduled for Sunday, May 24th. G. Smith to create a Facebook page.
 - c. Chairman Flowers recommended G. Smith to be Grand Marshal and Keynote Speaker for the Memorial Day Parade. Motion made by R. Edwards to accept the Chairman's nomination, seconded by J. Jansen. All in favor; motion carried.

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, seconded by R Edwards. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.

Next meeting will be held on February 9, 2015 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner
Recording Secretary