VETERANS, CEREMONY, AND PARADE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MARCH 13, 2017

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, March 13, 2017 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Vice-Chairman C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01PM and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT
Christine Smith, Vice Chairman
Pattie Deer
John Jansen
Niles MacKenzie

ABSENT/EXCUSED Thomas Flowers, Chairman Russell Edwards

Gregory Smith

GUESTS PRESENT

Representatives of the Milford Garden Club: Kathy Kobishyn, Kathy Patrick, Marika Mosley and Cheryl Cappiali.

Prior to addressing agenda items, P. Deer made a motion to suspend regular business to speak with the Garden Club about the Blue Star Memorial; seconded by J. Jansen; all in favor.

- Discussion on the date of the dedication; concern over Founders Walk being completed in time and participants (bands, politicians, etc.) being already booked on Monday, May 29th.
- The Committee and Garden Club surveyed the area and are in agreement as to the placement of the Memorial, flagpoles and sign.
- The Garden Club recommended having the Blue Star Memorial dedication on the evening of Wednesday, June 14th (Flag Day).
- Correct placement of the medallions on the Memorial base was discussed. The Garden Club will verify the proper order.
- The DAV Color Guard was requested by The Garden Club; Niles Mackenzie will look into.
- Security cameras for the safe keeping of the Memorial and Founders Walk was brought up.
- I. <u>Consideration of Minutes</u> Motion made by N. Mackenzie to accept the February Minutes with the following corrections: Memorial Day Activities should read (i) flags on the graves Saturday, May 27; (ii) wreath laying and parade Sunday, May 28. Seconded by P. Deer; all in favor.
- II. <u>Public Comment/Questions</u> None.
- III. <u>Chairman's Report</u> None

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Veterans Memorial Auditorium – Committee held a brief discussion on Hall of Honor. S. Cooper has been invited to the VCPC April meeting to discuss further.

V. <u>New Business</u>

a. Milford Bank – Chairman Flowers heard from the bank. Another Veterans Run is scheduled to be held on Father's Day – June 18th – with proceeds going to local Veterans organizations.

VI. Good of the Order

- A house concert featuring US Navy Band Principal Saxophonist, Jonathan Yanik, is going to be held on April 9th in Fairfield. Flyers were distributed and the event will be posted on VCPC Facebook page.
- VII. <u>Possible Agenda Topics</u> None.
- VIII. <u>Announcements</u> None.

Being no further business to discuss, C. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by P. Deer; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Next meeting will be held on April 10, 2017 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner Recording Secretary