

## VETERANS, CEREMONY, AND PARADE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 10, 2017

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, April 10, 2017 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 6:58PM 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  
Pattie Deer  
Russell Edwards  
John Jansen

#### ABSENT/EXCUSED

Niles MacKenzie  
Gregory Smith

#### GUESTS PRESENT

Wayne Carson  
Steve Cooper, Milford Performance Center

P. Deer made a motion to suspend regular business in order to speak with Steve Cooper regarding the Milford Performance Center's use of the Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Seconded by C. Smith; all in favor.

- The use of the Hall of Honor was discussed. There had been concern that the plaques might be covered, blocked or inaccessible during performances. Steve Cooper understands the Committee's concerns and assured VCPC that his organization recognizes the integrity of The Hall of Honor.
- Milford Performance Center is a non-profit, 501C(3) organization. They serve wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks and hope to present 20 performances this season. Two paid police officers are on-site for each event. A liquor license is obtained for all events and concessions are set-up and torn-down after each performance. Concessions are intentionally placed away from the wall, so patrons can walk behind and view the plaques.

Motion made by R. Edwards to return to regular business. Seconded by P. Deer; all in favor.

I. Consideration of Minutes – Motion made by C. Smith to accept the March Minutes as distributed. Seconded by R. Edwards; all in favor.

II. Public Comment/Questions – None.

III. Chairman's Report - None

#### IV. Unfinished Business

- a. *Blue Star Memorial*. Tom met today with Marika Mosley, Chair of the Blue Star Memorial Committee. Kathy Kobishyn has stepped down. The dedication ceremony is being moved to Noon on Sunday, May 28. Wreath laying is at 10AM and the parade starts at 2PM, so the dedication will not impede, only add to, Memorial Day activities. Motion to support the Blue Star Memorial dedication at Noon on Sunday, May 28 made by P. Deer. Seconded by C. Smith; all in favor.

- b. *Memorial Day Parade*. Michael Thomas has been named Grand Marshal and Guest Speaker. Wilbur Cross High School's *Dancing Wood Music* (drummers and cheerleaders) will be participating in this year's parade. Press release to issued next week.
- c. *Building Maintenance/Repairs*. Door knob of closet #9 needs repair. Key to closet #7 needed for American Legion Post 34.

V. New Business

- a. Milford Bank's *Milford Moves for Veterans* run is scheduled for June 18, with proceeds going to local Veterans organizations.
- b. Donations through ticket sales (if any) by the Milford Performance Center, prior to June 18, should be made payable to *Milford Bank, Milford Moves for Veterans*. Motion to accept made by C. Smith. Seconded by P. Deer; all in favor.

VI. Good of the Order

- *Day for a Vet* is scheduled for Sunday, May 7 at VFW Post 7788. Toiletries, books, snacks, etc. being accepted through Saturday, May 6.
- *Veterans Dinner* at West Shore Middle School scheduled for May 17 at 6PM.

VII. Possible Agenda Topics - None.

VIII. Announcements - None.

Being no further business to discuss, P. Deer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by R. Edwards; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Next meeting will be held on May 8, 2017 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner  
Recording Secretary