

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

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2016 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:02PM 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  
Gregory Smith  
John Jansen  
Niles Mackenzie

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Pattie Deer  
Russell Edwards

II. Consideration of Minutes – N. Mackenzie made the motion to accept minutes as distributed. C. Smith seconded; all in favor.

III. Public Comment/Questions – None.

IV. Chairman's Report:

- a) Milford Moves for Veterans 5K Race – June 12<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Milford Bank looking for 20 volunteers from VCPC.
  - ii. Proceeds to be divided among American Legion 196, VFW 7788, DAV Chapter 15 and VVA Chapter 251. Discussion ensued as to the distribution of these funds. Motion made by G. Smith to distribute proceeds as follows: American Legion (25%); VFW (25%); DAV (35%) and VVA (15%), pending discussion with VVA. N. Mackenzie seconded; all in favor.

V. Unfinished Business

- a) Service Dog from Milford Rotary – still open.
- b) Memorial Day Parade
  - i. Connecticut Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, LTC Sean Connelly, has accepted VCPC's invitation to be the Grand Marshal and guest speaker at the Memorial Day parade. C. Smith to update press release.
  - ii. Chairman Flowers to order 40 gross of flags.
  - iii. T. Flowers spoke with the Mayor about having Memorial and Veterans Day parades on Saturday mornings instead of Sunday afternoons; he is receptive. Due to time constraints, VCPC will look towards changing the day from Sunday to Saturday for the Veterans Day Parade.
  - iv. T. Flowers to contact the Chair of the St. Patrick's Day Parade to see if they would share their contact email list.
- c) POW/MIA Flags on Green – N. Mackenzie noted that the POW flag is disproportionate in size to the American Flag. POW flag is tattered and needs replacing; T. Flowers to look into replacing.

VI. New Business

- a) Plaques in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium – Discussion ensued about displaying plaques, or a facsimile of them, in a public place(s) for greater exposure and viewing. Several veterans have questioned if their names are included and this would give them an opportunity to see. Facebook page could be updated with location of poster boards and press releases sent out. Chairman Flowers to look into.

VII. Good of the Order

- a) VFW 7788 Day for a Hospitalized Vet on April 17<sup>th</sup>; requesting donations for backpacks sent home with the veterans by April 16<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. Possible Agenda Topics - None.

Being no further business to discuss, C. Smith made a motion to adjourn. J. Jansen seconded; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:11PM.

Next meeting will be May 9, 2016 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner  
Recording Secretary