

**VETERANS, CEREMONY, AND
PARADE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2013**

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman W. Kates called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

William Kates, Chairman
Christine Smith, Vice Chairman
Christopher Roberts
Thomas Flowers

GUESTS PRESENT

Wayne Carson
Mike Thomas

Absent/Excused: Russell Edwards, Tim Mead

II. Consideration of Minutes – April 8, 2013

Mr. Edwards and Mr. Flowers made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Comment/Questions

Mike Thomas wanted to explore direct marketing to address the high rate of suicide amongst returning veterans.

IV. Chairman's Report:

a) Parades/Ceremonies

Memorial Day Events Press Release went to Radio, TV, Email and Letters to local and State Dignitaries with special invitation to state youth/military organizations.

Other organizations to contact in the future might be Navy and Coast Guard Academy, Milford/Orange Bulletin, Milford Magazine and West Haven Veterans Museum.

Chairman Kates will get the permit for the parade.

b) Building Maintenance – No Report.

b) Building Usage –

- i. DAV will be submitting a request to use the Fowler Building for their Walk-Athon Fundraiser/Service Officer Day

V. Unfinished Business

- a) No Report.

VI. New Business

- a) Budget Meeting – Chairman Kates attended
- b) Veterans Day – Chairman Kates heard from School Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Feaser that it will be a school day.
- c) MGAT will soon be available on AT&T UVerse
- d) Parking – Chairman Roberts had a letter from Milford Police Department Deputy Chief Mooney to Sergeant Richards regarding Fowler Building Parking stating that only the “Parking for City Employees, Decal Required” can be enforced and not the “Fowler Building Parking, Permit Only” as he is not aware of any Fowler Building Permits.
- e) VCPC Responsibilities - Vice Chairman Smith suggested that the various VCPC responsibilities should have one point person so we all are not working on the same issues while others get no attention.

VII. Announcements

None.

Being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Flowers made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine L. Smith
Secretary Pro Tem