

VETERANS, CEREMONY, AND PARADE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JULY 9, 2018

The Veterans, Ceremony, and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman Tom Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Flowers, Chairman
Christine Smith, Vice Chairman
Patricia (Pattie) Deer
Russell Edwards
John (Jack) Jansen
Niles Mackenzie

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Greg Smith

GUESTS PRESENT

Wayne Carson

Consideration of Minutes – Minutes for May were distributed, motion by Pattie to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Niles. Passed unanimously.

Public Comments/Questions – n/a

Unfinished Business

- **Memorial Day Parade**
 - **2nd Governor's Foot Guard**
 - Cancelled due to weather, they have expensive equipment that they cannot afford to be ruined
 - **Digital Sign**
 - Digital Sign was fixed and was out for at least a week
 - It was put in a different location other than the green this year, will see what we can do going forward
- **Independence Day Ceremony**
 - Was well received with a good turnout with a lot of people and organizations marching to the Milford Cemetery
 - Couldn't hear the speaker very well, we will need to work on this for next year

Fowler Building

- **Building Maintenance:**
 - Met with Chris Saley with P/W's about the following issues, but they have a lot of work on their agenda, as they stated at the Finance Meeting:
 - Hand Railing still needs installation – Can be done to match current existing railing

- Rear Door still has no light fixture, need it for visibility, but Founders Walk has some lighting and may be sufficient for the rear door area
- Someone sleeping early in the morning right near the building
- Milford Speaks Out is planning more meeting times – Tom to get the info
- Milford Duck Race – food left out to rot, Tom will need to speak to them about this

New Business

- **Milford Bank's "Milford Moves" 5k Race - \$20,135 to be shared by the Milford VSO's**
 - Tom to get back to Janet Harrison on who to make the checks out to, as well as amounts
 - Will do the 5k again next year
 - Motion made by Russ Edwards that 32.5% will go to DAV, and the remainder will be split by the others (based on previous year's rationale with the documented work DAV does), 2nd by Niles Mackenzie, motion passed unanimously
 - Tom Flowers to have plaques made up for Milford Bank and Colony Grill to present
- **Veterans Day**
 - Need Grand Marshall/Guest Speaker for this event, please come with names to the next meeting
- **Milford Junior League Baseball – Conklin Field**
 - Wanted to rededicate the field PVT 1st Class Richard Conklin KIA on his 19th day in Vietnam in 1969
 - Tom searched this PVT 1st Class Conklin, but there is not enough info at the moment
 - Suggested to the baseball league to wait on the dedication until we can find more info and have a much more impactful ceremony
 - Pattie to investigate this person further

Announcements/Good of the Order

- American Legion Dept. Convention this weekend, July 13-15 at the Trumbull Marriott
- Chairman Tom Flowers was elected as Dept./State Commander of the American Legion
- Hall of Flags hosted by VFW went well, Cmdr. Jim Delancy made a nice speech, not as well attended
- American Legion Family Picnic – July 21st
- Milford Living Magazine – Susan Carroll Dwyer wants to run stories in the fall issue, interviewing veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam and current conflicts (Tom has two people – 1 WWII, 1 current conflict)
- DAV Winter Olympic Games Banquet – Mike Coplan planning this, more info to follow to get it on the calendar

Adjournment

Being no further business to discuss, Pattie Deer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Niles Mackenzie. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

The next meeting will be August 13, 2018 at 7PM at the Fowler Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Smith
Recording Secretary Pro tem