

**VETERANS, CEREMONY, AND
PARADE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2012**

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, August 13, 2012 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman W. Kates called the meeting to order at 7:05 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
Russell Edwards

Absent/Excused: Thomas Flowers, Tim Mead

II. Consideration of Minutes – June 11, 2012

Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Smith made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2012 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Comment/Questions

None.

IV. Chairman's Report:

a) Parades/Ceremonies

July 4th ceremony and Liberty Rock ceremony well attended by DAV and other organizations.

- b) Building Maintenance – Lights for the flag still not fixed, as well as two lights on the building. Chairman Kates will speak to the Mayor and Building Maintenance department and let them know. VCPC should make formal request.

b) Building Usage –

- i. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Edwards made and seconded a motion to allow the DAV permission to use the building for the DAV Veterans Benefits Van on 8/22. Motion carried unanimously.
- ii. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Edwards made and seconded a motion to allow Mike Copeland of the DAV permission to use the building for the Golden Games Olympics on 9/9 from 3pm to 9pm. Motion carried unanimously.
- iii. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Roberts made and seconded a motion to allow the Oyster Festival Committee use of the building during the festival. Motion carried unanimously.
- iv. Mr. Edwards with the VVA would like to be able to park several vehicles on the lawn as they have been allowed to prior to the inception of the VCPC. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Roberts makes and seconds a motion to allow one car to be present during the festival. Mr. Edwards votes no, Chairman Kates abstains, motion carried.

- v. Chairman Kates received a verbal request from a man who would like to use the building on Sundays to teach a language class. Chairman Kates will call to get more details.
- vi. Chairman Kates received a verbal request from Cindy Bevan with the Milford Garden Club with 30-40 people to meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 10am to 2pm in the downstairs room.

V. Unfinished Business

- a) Update – Location of cemetery plots – Mr. Roberts is still working with the cemeteries to get this information.

VI. New Business

- a) Veterans Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony – On Sunday, November 11, 2012
 - i. Wreath Laying – assemble at the Dough Boy in front of City Hall at 10:45am for an 11am sharp ceremony. Mr. Roberts will read “In Flanders Field”.
 - ii. Parade – Assemble at the Daniel Wasson Field parking lot at 1pm, parade kick-off at 2pm. Chairman Kates knows a gentleman, Edward Fitzgerald, who was in the 101st Airborne in Normandy and would make an excellent Grand Marshall for the parade. Mr. Roberts has a red convertible he can ride in. Mrs. Smith will investigate the price of two car magnets with “Grand Marshall – City of Milford” that can be reused for each parade.
- b) Terms of Service - Reviewed for all members as there are two positions that need to be replaced. Chairman Kates will contact the Mayor regarding this.

VII. Announcements

Chairman Kates announced that Mr. Flowers was in Maine representing American Legion Post 196 Baseball Team that won the New England Regionals.

Chairman Kates announced that Bill Donahue is in hospice. The DAV gave Mr. Donahue a state service award.

Chairman Kates announced that Tom Bierne, Sr. and Richie Conine would like to co-sponsor a dinner with the VCPC at the Stonebridge restaurant to honor WWII veterans.

Being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Edwards made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine L. Smith
Secretary Pro Tem