

**VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 9, 2015**

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular meeting on Monday, November 9, 2015 at the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:01PM and those present stood for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Flowers, Chairman  
Christine Smith, Vice Chairman  
Gregory Smith  
Pattie Deer  
John Jansen  
Russell Edwards

EXCUSED

Christopher Roberts

GUESTS PRESENT

Niles MacKenzie

II. Consideration of Minutes: October 12, 2015 Minutes were reviewed. Motion made by T. Flowers that the Minutes be accepted as distributed; seconded by P. Deer. All in favor; motion carried.

III. Public Comment/Questions: None.

IV. Chairman's Report: None.

V. Unfinished Business:

- a) Chairman Flowers thanked everyone on the Committee for their work on the Veterans Day Parade and dedication ceremony honoring Jordan Pierson.
- b) A lot of press was received at the parade. Channels 8 and 12 were there; big online presence with CT Post, New Haven Register and Milford Mirror.
- c) Building Security issues. T. Flowers to contact Chris Saley, Director of Public Works, and invite him to a VCPC meeting to discuss further.
- d) The Milford Rotary is offering a service dog to a deserving vet. Notify G. Smith if you know of a vet in need of one.

VI. New Business:

- a) Veterans Day
  - i. Wreath-laying scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11AM.
  - ii. G. Smith, T. Flowers and other veterans will be visiting Milford Public Schools on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Veteran ceremonies, assemblies, breakfasts, classroom visits, etc. are scheduled.
  - iii. Changing the date of next year's parade from a Sunday at 2PM to Saturday at 11AM was discussed. To be explored further with the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Milford Business Association.
- b) There is a gazebo located at the boat ramp behind Fowler Field. VCPC has been asked to organize a rededication ceremony as soon as practical.

- c) Founders Walk is proceeding. Construction will begin once the weather breaks and also include a beautification project in front of the Fowler Building.

VII. Good of the Order:

- a) Turkey Shoot being held on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at VFW #7788.
- b) Annual Viet Nam Veterans Association free concert being held at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. Possible Agenda Topics: None.

IX. Announcements: None.

Being no further business to discuss, C. Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by P Deer. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.

Next meeting will be held on December 14, 2015 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia Durner*

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Recording Secretary