**Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission Regular Meeting**

**July 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Opening:** The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday July 12, 2021 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Tom Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tom Flowers - Chairman

Mike Kupson

Vincent Zelinsky

Emily Sopchak (via telephone)

Pattie Deer (via telephone)

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**:

John (Jack) Jansen

Frank Rodriguez

**GUESTS**:

Wayne Carson

Diane Zelinsky –recording secretary -– VIA Teleconference

**Agenda**: Open Agenda

**Consideration of Minutes** –Motion was made by Vinny Zelinsky and 2nd by Pattie Deer to accept the minutes from the June 15, 2021 meeting.

**A quorum was present for tonight’s meeting.**

**Old Business:**

Tom Flowers reported that the net proceeds from The Milford Bank Milford Moves for Veterans event that was held on June 20th are not yet available. As soon as he has any updates, he will notify the Commission. It was however reported that participation was down from 2019 which also included corporate sponsorships.

Tom was asked to participate and introduce the medley of Service songs performed by The Milford Concert Band on June 18th. This was the kick off to the summer concert series at the Fowler Field Pavilion.

**New Business:**

It is the intention of the VCPC to hold a traditional Veterans Day Parade on November 7, 2021 at 2pm stepping off from Wasson Field. Tom plans to extend an invitation to Jack Dougherty to be this years Grand Marshall and Guest Speaker. Mr. Dougherty was a member of the 2009 class inducted into the CT Veterans Hall of Fame. Tom again put out a request to any member who know of an available classic convertible to be used to drive the Grand Marshall with more to come.

The Wreath Laying ceremony will take place on November 11, 2021 at 11:00 am with each VSO presenting only 1 wreath at the Dough Boy monument.

Tom requested that each VCPC member attend the August meeting on 9th in person as he intends to invite Mayor Blake and the two Aldermen members. Discussions on the future of the commission are going to be required as key member’s terms are up at the end of year and there will be a lot of transitions needed.

**For the Good of the Order**:

The American Legion Post 196 Annual Picnic is scheduled for August 14, 2021 at $30.00 per person for the day’s event.

Tom Flowers took the time to publicly thank the VCPC’s VSO’s for having such a strong volunteer presence at the Milford Moves event. The Milford Bank asked for 20 people and the number surpassed that and he asked that his thanks be flowed down to the VSO’s members.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Vinny Zelinsky and 2nd by Mike Kupson.

**Meeting adjourned at**: 7:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Diane Zelinsky

Recording Secretary