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

**July 13, 2023 7pm Fowler Building**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Opening:** The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular Meeting on Thursday July 13, 2023 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Tom Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:03pm and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Tom Jackson

Frank Rodriquez

Chris Attardo - DAV

Donald Moore - CVMA

**Guests:**

Bill Kates

Mike Kupson - DAV

Cathy Gorman Rose – Recording Secy - remote

**Agenda**

Agenda provided by Tom

**Consideration of Minutes:** Tom reviewed June 8 minutes, Chris makes motion to accept minutes, Frank second all in favor, no opposed, minutes accepted.

**Member Appointments:** Chris and Don were sworn in to the VCPC

**Milford Moves:** Father’s Day – Combat Vets did a lot that day. Set up, packed up, thank you!

**July 4:** postmortem

* Hoping to see more of the Veterans Groups and Representatives and DAR
* Arthur Stowe gave a nice presentation
* Mike and Tom have pictures

**Veterans Day:** October 11, 12, 2023

* Wreath laying at Dough Boy Monument: 11/11/11 - 11/11 at 11am – 10:45am arrival
* Put flags at monuments on Green
* Parade: 11/12, step off at 2pm, gather at Fowler at 1pm
* Grand Marshall suggestions: Tom knows Marine Adele Hodges,

Emily suggested Army Colonel Tim Connor

* Weiner mobile
* Start sending invitations

**Fowler Building Parent**

Who is the true parent of the Fowler Building – our commission has the right to grand permission for use

Larry Lah took over and he doesn’t understand the structure here. Who can explain that to Larry?

**Website:** Still awaiting updates, who should we ask?

**DAR:** regent@freelovebladwinstowedar.org -check in to see if they are receiving our emails.

**Update website** – ask Karen where to go for updates: should say Open position DAV, CVMC, Citizen at large. Waiting for the appointments

New Business

**Oyster Festival:** August 19, 2023

* VFW 7788 requests to be set up at the bridge where the old millstone is
* In front of building will be:
* DAV 215
* VCPC
* Combat Vets
* Legion
* VVA 251

Tom will make a map with tables

**For the Good of the Order:**

We are in need of more members

Frank made motion to adjourn, Chris second the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned

Meetingadjourned at 8:15 pm

*Respectfully submitted by Cathy (Gorman) Rose, Recording Secretary*