

**VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAY 9, 2016**

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Flowers, Chairman  
Christine Smith, Vice Chairman  
Pattie Deer  
Russell Edwards  
Niles Mackenzie  
Gregory Smith

ABSENT/EXCUSED

John Jansen

GUESTS PRESENT

Wayne Carson

I. Consideration of Minutes – April 2016 Minutes were read. Motion made by P. Deer that the minutes be accepted as distributed, seconded by C. Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Public Comment/Questions – None.

III. Chairman's Report:

a) Building Maintenance

- i. N. Mackenzie reports that the downstairs door casing is rotting; committee will check this on the way out

b) Building Usage

- i. No Report.

IV. Unfinished Business

a) Memorial Day Parade/Ceremonies

- i. VA Commission Sean Connolly is confirmed to be the Grand Marshall and Keynote Speaker.
- ii. Press Release has gone out several times to local online and print newspapers, Dignitaries, and Community organizations and Facebook page is online.
- iii. 40 gross flags have been delivered and are awaiting pick-up on Saturday, May 28, 2016.
- iv. The flags on the Memorial Flag Pole look good for the parade.
- v. Pastor Jim Loomer from Milford Christian Academy will be Chaplain for the parade.

b) Milford Bank's "Milford Moves 5K Race"

- i. Jorge Santiago requests 20 volunteers from the VSO's to man booths, hand out water and any other tasks for the organizers of the event; volunteers should go to Gulf Beach at 7:30AM on June 12, 2016.
- ii. Proceeds to go to the local VSO's - G. Smith made a motion, seconded by P. Deer, that proposed, based on the number and cost of their projects, that 35% goes to the Disabled American Veterans, 25% to both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and 15% for the Vietnam Veterans of America – discussion ensued; G. Smith made a motion that the VSO's would

have to provide an itemized list to our June 2016 meeting of current actual (not in kind) project expenditures to show what the funds would be used for, and at the end of the year provide a report on actuals, C. Smith seconded, motion carried with 1 opposed.

c) Milford's Military Hall of Honor

- i. G. Smith suggests that the August 2016 meeting be held in the Military Hall of Honor atrium to look at the plaques and make some decisions on some of our open items; invite the Mayor and our two Aldermanic Liaisons for their input.
- ii. Make paper facsimiles of the plaques to put into the Parson's Complex so people can see if their veterans are on them.

V. New Business

a) Veterans Day Parade

- i. Parade will be on Saturday at 10:30AM.

b) St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

- i. Alderman Marty Hardiman asked if VCPC would participate in their parade.
- ii. St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee might provide list of participants.

c) Eagle Scout Project

- i. Scout Nick Foss from Troop 12 led the effort to clean up and refurbish the Veterans memorial gazebo and the rededication ceremony will be held on May 29, 2016 at 11:30AM.
- ii. Mayor Blake will be in attendance and Chairman Flowers will preside.
- iii. Lowes, Colony Pizza and Colony Paint who donated to the effort will also be invited.

VI. Good of the Order

- V.F.W. - G. Smith thanked all for their donations for the Day for a Hospitalized Veterans, the V.F.W. had 150 veterans attend. It was a great success.
- D.A.V. – N. McKenzie reminds the committee of the Forget Me Not Days at the Silver Sands Stop & Shop on July 23 and 24, 2016.
- A.L. – Chairman Flowers informed the committee that the Fisher House fundraiser will be held at 5 Shop Rite stores – Friday, Saturday and Sunday on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10AM-4PM in Stratford; East Haven, Milford, Hamden and West Haven Dates to be determined.

VII. Possible Agenda Topics

None.

VIII. 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 8:12 pm.

Next meeting will be June 13, 2016 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner  
Recording Secretary