

## **VETERANS, CEREMONY, AND PARADE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 14, 2018**

The Veterans, Ceremony, and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Vice Chairman Christine Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Christine Smith, Vice Chairman  
Patricia (Pattie) Deer  
Russell Edwards  
John (Jack) Jansen  
Niles Mackenzie  
Greg Smith

#### **ABSENT/EXCUSED**

Tom Flowers, Chairman

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

None

**Consideration of Minutes** – Minutes for April were distributed (one correction), motion by Pattie to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Niles. Passed unanimously.

**Public Comments/Questions** – n/a

#### **Unfinished Business**

- **Memorial Day Parade**
  - **Magnets for the Car**
    - Dick Platt only had one of the signs, Tom to order new ones
  - **Marchers**
    - DAR want to participate
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Governor's Foot Guard
    - Senator Dick Blumenthal may be able to attend wreath laying ceremony and parade
  - **WWII Veterans**
    - Russ has contact from Bob's Buick to have some cars to transport WWII veterans in parade
    - Tom has gathered names for at least 3; Pattie may have one more
    - Need to place chairs for them at the Band Shell; Tom to contact P/W's
  - **Order of March** – Russ and Jack to head this effort up
  - **Wreaths**
    - Have been ordered
    - Fife and Drum will not be able to provide music to march to the monuments at the wreath laying, but will start us off with National Anthem
    - VSO's will read names of deceased at this event (Not 4<sup>th</sup> of July)

- **Digital Sign / APB-Reverse 911**
  - Digital Sign was broken and out to be fixed, if ready in time will put up at the green; Pattie will check into using another digital sign she has seen on the green
  - Email sent to Mayor's office for the APB to Milford residents
- **Advertising and Public Participation**
  - Jill Dion of the Milford Mirror to place more prominent ad
  - No response from High Schools in surrounding areas
  - Tom Flowers contacted JROTC Hill House but they will not be able to participate
  - Niles Mackenzie was unable to get the list of participants from the Milford Irish Parade from the Irish Heritage Assoc.

### **Fowler Building**

- **Building Maintenance:**
  - Dumpster – still blocking 1<sup>st</sup> parking spot
  - Spoke to Chris Saley with P/W's about the following issues, but they have a lot of work on their agenda:
    - Fife & Drum Office #4 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) the ceiling crumbling
    - Hand Railing still needs installation. Tom Flowers will contact Public Works
    - Rear Door still has no light fixture, need it for visibility
- **Building Usage:**
  - Coast Guard Auxiliary – no update on details of their current building usage
  - Milford Speaks out Dates – Entered onto calendar
  - DAV Auxiliary Dates – Entered onto calendar
  - Milford Concert Band – putting chair racks in front Fife & Drum storage location

### **New Business**

- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Events**
  - Have someone, such as Milford Historian, or Dick Platt speak about Milford Revolutionary History
  - Contact DAR to see if they would like to arrange this effort

### **Announcements/Good of the Order**

- Betsey Walsh is now State Commander of the DAV
- VFW 7788 Family Picnic on June 3
- VFW 7788 Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14

### **Adjournment**

Being no further business to discuss, Pattie Deer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Russ Edwards. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

The next meeting will be June 11, 2018 at 7PM at the Fowler Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Smith  
Recording Secretary Pro tem