

**VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JUNE 9, 2014**

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, June 9, 2014 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:07PM and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Flowers, Chairman  
Russell Edwards

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Christine Smith, Vice Chairman  
Christopher Roberts  
Pattie Deer  
Gregory Smith  
John Jansen

GUESTS PRESENT

Wayne Carson  
William Kates

II. Consideration of Minutes

May 12, 2014 Minutes were reviewed.

III. Public Comment/Questions

None.

IV. Chairman's Report

- a) Parades/Ceremonies - Chairman Flowers praised R. Edwards for all of his work in organizing Memorial Day Parade activities. Communication needs improvement and will be addressed.
- b) The Veterans Memorial Fund - At the Mayor's request, Chairman Flowers attended a Board of Aldermen meeting last week. The Board has approved a fund, currently called "The Veterans Memorial Auditorium Fund". This account has been created for private donations received, going towards work to be completed in the Hall of Honor. T. Flowers to speak with the Mayor and request the fund name be changed to "The Veterans Memorial Fund". This way, when donations are received, that money can be applied towards monuments, in addition to Auditorium work.
- c) Building Usage – Groups whose home is the Fowler Memorial Building do not need to fill out any forms. Building availability to be confirmed through C. Smith.

V. Unfinished Business

- a) VCPC Ordinance – Chairman Flowers reiterated to the Mayor, in writing, VCPC's position on the proposed changes to the VCPC Ordinance. The Ordinance, as currently written, is not supported by VCPC. VCPC feels more research and coordination is required.

- b) Johnson Museum – Artifacts will be transferred to the West Haven Military Museum and Learning Center. A legal agreement has been prepared by the City Attorney and approved by all parties. T. Flowers to arrange for the artifacts to be picked up.
- c) Veterans Memorial Auditorium – VCPC recommended, to the Mayor, a bid for aluminum lettering above the doorway, however, as the Parsons Government Center and City Hall are scheduled for a facelift in 2015, a temporary sign was going to be set up on the lawn. Due to the geography of the property, it was not feasible. The sign has been installed on the building.
- d) 375<sup>th</sup> Parade – Veteran services organizations will be participating in the parade on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Line-up at 12:30PM; step-off at 2PM.

## VI. New Business

- a) Issues to be reviewed/discussed for possible consideration:
  - i. Building not open to the public
  - ii. No Gulf War Memorial
  - iii. Markers on monuments and memorials
    - i. Determine a fitting way to recognize Corporal Jordan Pierson (to date, the only Milford citizen who has given his life for his country during the Gulf War).
    - ii. As time permits, VCPC will review the Hall of Honor in the Memorial Auditorium and Monuments on the Green. Suggestions welcome.
- b) July 4<sup>th</sup> Ceremony – Ceremony to salute our independence and recognize those who gave their lives during the Revolutionary War. Ceremony at 9AM at Revolutionary War Monument; 8:45AM form-up at the Doughboy Statue. T. Flowers to discuss press release with C. Smith.
- c) Notification Procedures for Parades – Chairman Flowers would like to review notification procedures for parades to ensure the proper people are being invited.

## VII. Good of the Order

- a) W. Kates' work on updating the pamphlet – *A Walk Through Milford's History* – continues.

## VIII. Possible Agenda Topics

Not discussed.

## IX. Announcements

None.

Chairman Flowers adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.

Next meeting will be July 14, 2014 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner  
Secretary