

VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2016

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, July 11, 2016 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:01PM 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
John Jansen
Niles Mackenzie
Gregory Smith

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Pattie Deer
Russell Edwards

GUESTS PRESENT

Wayne Carson
William Kates
Kathryn Kobishyn, Milford Garden Club
Marilyn Wardell, Milford Garden Club
Bunny Elmore, Milford Garden Club
Katherine Patrick, Milford Garden Club
Cheryl Cappiali, Milford Garden Club
Anne Sherogan, Milford Garden Club
Ed Monroe, Commander of DAV Chapter 15
Henry France, DAV Chapter 15

Motion made by N. Mackenzie to suspend regular business for a presentation by the Milford Garden Club. G. Smith seconded; all in favor.

1. Chairman Flowers gave an overview of VCPC and its responsibilities to guests.
2. K. Kobishyn gave a presentation on The Blue Star Memorial Marker Program, honoring the men and women of the Armed Forces of America since 1945.
3. The Milford Garden Club proposed installing a Blue Star Memorial Marker in front of the Fowler Building and anticipate installation on/about Memorial Day 2017.
4. Discussion ensued as to location, what veteran organizations would be included, etc.
5. G. Smith made a motion to return to regular business. Seconded by C. Smith; all in favor.

- I. Blue Star Memorial Marker Program** – G. Smith made a motion that the Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission forward its approval and recommendation to both the Mayor's office and Board of Aldermen Chairman and leadership in support of the Milford Garden Club project to install a Blue Star Memorial Marker on the grounds of the Fowler Building, as described by the members of the Milford Garden Club. Seconded by N. Mackenzie; all in favor. G. Smith made a motion that the sign display the Veteran Service Organizations in Milford, if there is enough room. In lieu of that, if there is not enough room, Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission. Seconded by J. Jansen; all in favor. Exact wording to be further discussed with all VCPC members at a later date.

- II. **Consideration of Minutes** – C. Smith made a motion to accept the June 2016 Minutes as distributed. N. Mackenzie seconded; all in favor.
- III. **Public Comment/Questions** – None.
- IV. **Chairman’s Report** – None.
- V. **Unfinished Business**
1. Building Maintenance / Repairs
 - a. Three downspouts missing.
 - b. Lights mounted on side of library facing Fowler Building.
 - c. Rear door rotting.
 - d. Signs on front and rear of building need refurbishing. Add DAV Auxiliary to the signs and remove Museum.
 - e. DAV has ordered flag.
 2. August 2016 Meeting
 - a. Motion made by G. Smith to hold the August 2016 VCPC meeting at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Seconded by J. Jansen; all in favor.
 - b. Along with the Mayor, we will be inviting the two members of the Board of Aldermen who are official liaisons to the VCPC.
 - c. Review proposals and determine how VCPC would like to proceed on the Auditorium.
 3. Milford Bank’s “Milford Moves 5K Race”
 - a. All required program documentation received by the VSOs.
 - b. Motion made by G. Smith that the funding for all of the groups be distributed equally (American Legion, VFW, VVA), except for DAV, which would receive a larger percentage
 - c. G. Smith rescinded his previous motion; C. Smith seconded; all in favor.
 - d. Motion made by G. Smith to proportion the funds received from Milford Bank’s “Milford Moves 5K Race” as follows: 32.5% - DAV; 22.5% for each of the remaining organizations (American Legion, VFW, VVA), and to require each of the organizations to submit, by April 30, 2017, an itemized accounting of how those funds were spent. Seconded by J. Jansen; all in favor.
- VI. **New Business**
1. W. Kates advised the Committee that Liberty Rock Park is not being properly maintained. G. Smith made a motion for VCPC to further investigate maintenance of the park. Seconded by C. Smith; all in favor.
 2. 4th of July Parade attendance and participation was discussed. Consensus was that the parade was well attended. G. Smith made a motion that the ceremony involving the deceased members of the veterans groups be moved to the Veterans Day ceremony at the Doughboy monument rather than the Independence Day ceremony at the monument. Seconded by C. Smith. J. Jansen made motion to table until September; seconded by N. Mackenzie.
 3. Selling bricks for Founders Walk was discussed. Chairman Flowers to research further with James Maroney with the Founders Walk Committee.
 4. G. Smith requested the VFW have their same spot at the 2016 Oyster Festival. The DAV and VVA would also like their same spots.
- VII. **Good of the Order**
1. Ed Monroe personally thanked Chairman Flowers for a well-organized July 4th event.
 2. C. Smith discussed the creation of a VCPC Facebook page, which will detail all VCPC events.
- VIII. **Possible Agenda Topics**
None.
- IX. **Announcements**
None.

Being no further business to discuss, C. Smith made a motion to adjourn. N. Mackenzie seconded; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Next meeting to be held on August 8, 2016 at 7PM at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner
Recording Secretary