

VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2016

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016 at the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:18PM 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
John Jansen
Niles Mackenzie
Gregory Smith

GUESTS PRESENT

Jim Knott, American Legion Post 196
Chris Saley, City of Milford Dept. of Public Works

II. **Consideration of Minutes** – P. Deer made a motion to accept the November 2016 Minutes as distributed. G. Smith seconded; all in favor.

III. **Public Comment/Questions** – None.

IV. Chairman's Report

1. Memorial Day Parade

- a. The potential of moving the Parade to Monday was discussed. As the Blue Star Memorial ceremony is scheduled for that morning, it was decided to keep it on Sunday in 2017.
- b. G. Smith discussed working more closely with the Downtown Milford Business Association (DMBA). Invite members of the DMBA to attend a VCPC meeting to discuss their involvement further.
- c. Need to get the word out better. In addition to press releases and blast emails, suggested ideas include "robocalls" from the City, sandwich board advertising, Channel 12, DMBA, etc.

V. Unfinished Business

1. Founders Walk

- a. Chris Saley, Director of Public Works for the City of Milford, detailed the first phase of work on Founders Walk. Work on the project has begun.

2. Fowler Building

- a. T. Flowers and N. Mackenzie showed Chris Saley the building issues related to safety concerns, as well as the building signage.

3. Conklin Field

- a. Photographs and information shared with Chris Saley regarding VCPC's request to replace the flagpole and relocate monument. T. Flowers to provide Chris with Little League point of contact. T. Flowers to also set up a convenient time for Chris to meet with VCPC members at the site.

4. Korea / Viet Nam Memorial

- a. The dates on the monument are in question. The US Government recognizes 1950-1955 (Korea) and 1961-1975 (Viet Nam), however, the monument reflects 1950-1953 and 1961-1973, respectively. T. Flowers to ask Milford Monument or other similar company to look at the feasibility of physically changing the dates on the monument in accordance with Title 38 U.S. Code and getting a cost estimate if it proves feasible to do without inflicting any damage to the monument itself.
- b. The bushes surrounding the monument are overgrown and need to be cut back.

VI. **New Business** – None.

VII. **Announcements/Good of the Order**

1. Wreaths Across America at Kings Highway Cemetery on Saturday, December 17th at 11AM.

VIII. **Possible Agenda Topics**

1. Building repairs.
2. Names on plaques at Veterans Memorial Auditorium foyer.
3. Conklin Field flagpole and monument.
4. Korea/Vietnam Memorial on the Green.

Being no further business to discuss, N. Mackenzie made a motion to adjourn. P. Deer seconded; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:01PM.

Next meeting will be held on Monday January 9, 2017 at 7PM at the Fowler Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner
Recording Secretary