

**VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 14, 2015**

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular meeting on Monday, December 14, 2015 at the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:01PM and those present stood for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Flowers, Chairman  
Christine Smith, Vice Chairman  
Gregory Smith  
John Jansen  
Russell Edwards

EXCUSED

Christopher Roberts  
Pattie Deer

GUESTS PRESENT

Niles MacKenzie

II. Consideration of Minutes: November 9, 2015 Minutes were reviewed. Motion made by C. Smith that the Minutes be accepted as distributed; seconded by J. Jansen. All in favor; motion carried.

III. Public Comment/Questions: None.

IV. Chairman's Report:

- a) Chairman Flowers met with the Mayor last week to discuss a number of things, primarily, building security. He was advised to contact Chris Saley, Director of Public Works, and will schedule a meeting to discuss our concerns.
- b) T. Flowers spoke with Ray Swift regarding rededication of the renovated gazebo at the boat ramp, which was an Eagle Scout project. Research into the gazebo's history continues.
- c) There is currently \$6,250 in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Hall of Honor account. Discussion ensued on how to ensure correct names are identified on the plaques. A formal request will be made to the City Clerk's Office, asking for a list of veteran residents (through City tax records) for the Gulf War period August 2, 1990 to present day. If the Clerk's office is able to respond to that request, we will make additional requests, working back in time, to ensure all City veterans in all war periods are included.

V. Unfinished Business:

- a) Security issues - T. Flowers to contact Chris Saley.
- b) Milford Rotary – a service dog for a deserving vet remains available.
- c) 2016 Veterans Day Parade – T. Flowers to explore changing the date with Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Milford Business Association.
- d) Gazebo at boat ramp – T. Flowers to work on rededication ceremony.

VI. New Business:

- a) C. Smith, T. Flowers and C. Roberts were contacted regarding their term appointments, which expire on December 31, 2015. C. Roberts declined renewal; T. Flowers and C. Smith accepted. Niles MacKenzie has

been endorsed by Chairman Flowers and the Mayor to replace C. Roberts. To go before the January Board of Aldermen meeting for approval.

VII. Good of the Order:

- a) Congratulations to G. Smith for being inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.
- b) T. Flowers attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday, December 12, 2015.
- c) American Legion Post 196 will be sponsoring an Oratorical Contest for Milford high school students on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 10AM at the Fowler Memorial Building. Students will speak about the Constitution and scholarship money will be awarded. All are welcome.

VIII. Possible Agenda Topics: None.

IX. Announcements: None.

Being no further business to discuss, C. Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by R. Edwards. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:57PM.

Next meeting will be held on January 11, 2016 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia Durner*

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Recording Secretary