**Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission Regular Meeting**

**September 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Opening:** The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday September 14, 2020 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Tom Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tom Flowers

Mike Kupson

Vincent Zelinsky

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**:

Russ Edwards Sr

Pattie Deer

John (Jack) Jansen

**GUESTS**:

Diane Zelinsky –recording secretary

**Agenda**: Open Agenda

There was not a quorum at this meeting so general discussion took place with those present.

There were no motions or votes conducted.

**Consideration of Minutes** –minutes from the August 10th 2020 meeting could not be accepted due to not having a quorum present.

**Old Business:**

The commission discussed again that the traditional wreath laying ceremony will still be held on November, 11, 2020 at 11 am and the VSO’s will only need to provide a single wreath to be placed at the Doughboy statue at City Hall

**New Business**:

Tom started off the meeting with information that he was approached by the Christ Presbyterian Church in Milford requesting to use the Fowler Building for Sunday Services this fall. Currently they are holding services outside under the Pavilion and wish to move inside in November. Tom had discussion with the Mayor and after a tour of the building with Church officials it was agreed that this would be acceptable. However, the existing meeting held on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 am by the Community Support Group would not be disrupted and that the building would have to be cleaned and sanitized between the two groups using it. Arrangements need to be made to have that done. Also, they must follow the current State and City guidance pertaining to the number allowed at indoor gatherings and the use of masks with proper social distancing protocols.

Discussion turned to this year’s Veterans Day activities. Tom indicated again that having spoken to the Mayor his feelings are that the VCPC had control to conduct whatever ceremonies are appropriate. The Mayor did suggest perhaps having a Car parade in leu of the marching parade but the committee through discussions felt that would be a very involved endeavor which would involve bringing in the Police Department Traffic division to come up with a route and manpower so it was tabled.

The original plan to have a ceremony on the steps of City Hall on Sunday, November 8th will proceed and in addition to having Tom and the Mayor speak, BG.,Ralph Hedenberg, has agreed to come and be a speaker.

Tom was contacted by Craig Lougee of Keene NH, his maternal Grandfather Raymond Wesley Haymond’s name is etched on the WWI Monument in town and he has inherited his Grandfather’s American flag and would like to have it flown at City Hall on ceremony day. Additional details and the event start time are still yet to be determined and should be finalized at the October VCPC meeting.

Tom reached out to the Milford Concert Band to coordinate possible attendance so as not to overlap on any planned event they have up on the Green for the same day.

**For the Good of the Order**:

**Meeting adjourned at**: 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Diane Zelinsky

Recording Secretary