

## SOUTH WINDSOR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION

October 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kent Carlson, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:** Roger Anderson, Peter Anthony, Herb Asplund, Gene Botteron, Kent Carlson, Ed Gawlinski, Ken Lewis, Leigh Lovering, Bobbi Jo Maltz; Daria Plummer, Art Sladyk; Guests: Dr. Kate Carter, Superintendent of Schools

*The agenda was suspended for an update presentation by Dr. Kate Carter, Superintendent of Schools, on the SW Board of Education's 10-Year Elementary Schools Plan, Phase 3, Pleasant Valley Elementary proposal. Q/A followed.*

### **MINUTES:**

- Minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting were accepted as printed on a **motion** by Sladyk/Lovering.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kent Carlson

- 2019-20 Budget remains the same. The town has paid half of the Armed Forces Day fireworks fee.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:** Kent Carlson

- Annual report completed and sent to the Town Manager.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Essay Contest 2020:** Roger Anderson

- Essay contest form will be posted on the Commission's website
- Copy numbers discussed; lower amount needed as some schools sending forms home to parents via digital information only

#### **Armed Forces Day May 16, 2020:** Kent Carlson

- Fireworks contract signed
- Jaycees asked for more food trucks
- Signage important: for Veteran Owned Business—at every such vendor
- Veteran Oriented Merchandise will speak to itself
- Important to state that only vendors allowed will be veteran owned businesses and vendors with veteran oriented merchandise
- Lighting over area needs further discussion and organization; more lighting needed as dusk arrives
- Second face painter needed; additional hour per face painter recommended
- Spin artist may be new in 2020
- Balloon artist complimented
- More sponsors needed/desired, as we exceed budget without such generosity

#### **Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, May 25, 2020:** Leigh Lovering, Kent Carlson—no report at this time

#### **Flag Day collections/ flag retirement ceremony 9 AM, June 12, 2020:** Ken Lewis

- Flags collected; bins reasonably empty
- American Legion logo will be on the boxes being developed by an Eagle Scout

- New collection bins recommended for: Wood Library; SWPL; Park/Rec (Wapping); Community Center
- Town Garage will have the original bin from the library

**Veterans Day Ceremony November 11, 2019:** Ed Gawlinski

- Matt Reed keynote speaker
- Combat veterans coming
- Invocation and Benediction arranged (Pastor, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Manchester)
- Wreaths ordered
- Dignitaries, local and state, invited
- Buglar arranged; chorus invited
- Arrangements being made inviting people lay wreaths
- 12 bricks will be set prior to the ceremony; NE Silica in the future will do the brick inscribing, as present company (Bob Leshea) is closing. Bricks will continue to come from Redland Brick Co.

**Veterans in the Schools 2019:** Daria Plummer

- November 8 at TEMS; 8 veterans needed
- November 11 at SWHS; veterans needed throughout day; Art to request assistance through AL
- Program for SWHS discussed; outside wreath laying will be requested
- Program will be live streamed by COX; seniors will be in auditorium; other classes will watch ceremony live streamed in their homerooms.
- Program to end at 7:55; veterans then will proceed to “green room” and taken to classrooms

**Wreaths Across America December 9, 2019 (Capitol) and December 14, 2019 (SW-VMP):** Art Sladyk (no report at this time)

**Wall Behind the Monument and Improvements at VMP:** Art Sladyk

- Damaged pole replaced
- Electrical work next for completion
- New fence will be in hopefully before winter and snow
- Pavers to be completed in spring
- Security will be the responsibility of Park and Rec Dept.

**Wall of Honor:** Herb Asplund

- Photo added for Michael Brown, National Guard Reserve

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Town Manager will attend a future meeting
- Sixth grader and her father invited to make a presentation at the next meeting to present her banner project in commemoration of veterans, as well as ideas for placement

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Daria, Bobbi Jo, and Art will work on copy for the spring edition of the Park/Rec Magazine

**ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE:**

- Discussion will continue with the Park and Rec director regarding using the wording of Veterans Memorial Park throughout Park and Rec Magazine; Commission wishes to see Veterans written out more often, as opposed to VMP with no explanation of what the letters mean

**Adjournment:** 8:20 PM, carried on a motion to adjourn by Sladyk/Gawlinski.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 18, 2019

Respectfully submitted,  
Daria Plummer, Secretary

Under old business or new business, banners for vets invited to do presentation, where we will place