

SOUTH WINDSOR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION
February 28, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Roger Anderson, Herb Asplund, Diane Behler, Gene Botteron, Will Coursey, Ed Gawlinski, Margaret Glover, Bobbi Jo Maltz, Daria Plummer Guest: Ken Lewis

CALL TO ORDER: Call to order at 7:02 p.m. by Bobbi Jo Maltz, Chairperson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Daria Plummer

- Motion made to accept the minutes of February 28, 2022. **Behler/Gawlinski CARRIED**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bobbi Jo Maltz

- No changes from previous presentation (February)
- Upcoming Armed Forces Day expenses will be reflected next month

CORRESPONDENCE: Bobbi Jo Maltz

- Essays and poster submissions have been received via Town site

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Essay Contest 2022: Roger Anderson

- Essays have been received; once essays are able to be downloaded from Town submission site, they will be printed and distributed to subcommittees.
- Subcommittees: Grades 3-5—Daria, Gene, Herb; Grades 6-8—Ed, Ken, Art, Leigh; Grades 9-12: Diane, Will, Margaret.
- Poster judging will be held 5-7 PM, date TBD, at the town's community building (Wapping Center)
- Roger will make arrangements for presentation of winners before the Town Council for June 20.

Armed Forces Day May 21, 2022: Bobbi Jo Maltz

- Plans for Armed Forces Day going well.
- 15 Food vendors and trucks secured; all food trucks will accept credit cards.
- 35 vendors, no duplicates, secured
- Fireworks deposit from 2020 (\$4800) secure; cost of fireworks has risen to \$11,000 due to pandemic related and subsequent issues.
- Jaycees handling fire marshal and health/food inspector requirements; grounds layout
- Other activities/vendors include, but not limited to: Mazolu Animal Sanctuary, balloon animals, face painting, bounce houses; another "walking" entertainer being sought.
- Daria will contact SWHS Interact Club advisor seeking assistance at the bounce houses.
- Ed will contact the Air Force recruiter and ask if she will contact other military recruiters to ask for their presence at the event.
- Daria will check with Leigh on military trucks.
- Roger and Ken will check into VVA presence.
- There will not be a portable ATM.
- Community Band also has committed to being present.
- Signs for AFD have been located. They will be placed at: Ellington Rd @ Ellington T/L. Permission needs to be obtained from Burke Ridge Farms. Also at West Rd @ Sullivan Ave., Lawrence Rd @ Dart Hill Rd; Nevers Rd @ Sand Hill; Ellington Rd @ Rt 5; Pierce Rd @ Sullivan; Oakland Rd @ Deming (on

island); Ellington Rd @ SWFD Co. #1.

- Bobbi Jo to contact the town regarding possible use of electronic sign on Sullivan Ave.
- Daria to submit a write up to both the JI and the Community Courant, as well as to the Senior Connection (SW Human Services newsletter to seniors)

Memorial Day Parade May 30, 2022: Leigh Lovering—written report

- Correspondence has been sent to the CTNG requesting a marching unit with vehicle.
- Sufficient cemetery flags (12 gross/1728 flags) available for placement on veterans' graves throughout South Windsor.
- Art Sladyk has initiated the formal request for a flyover.
- Four convertibles are available for Essay Contest winners
- Daria will contact Margaret Glover regarding speaker Capt. Katarina Glover.
- If Capt. Glover unavailable, Herb will contact Bill Carroll.
- Signs go up as soon as Armed Forces Day signs come down.

Memorial Day Ceremony May 30, 2022: Ed Gawlinski

- Letters and requests will be sent out shortly
- All aspects as usual will go forward, including contacts for music, trumpeter, honor guard, chaplain, Boy/Girl Scouts flag laying, wreaths, bell. It is believed that Art has housed the bell.
- Signs for Memorial Day have been located.

Flags in Cemeteries Memorial Day May 30, 2022: Commission discussion

- No discussion at this time

Flags on Main Street: Leigh Lovering

- No discussion at this time; flags all set.

Flag Day collections/ flag retirement ceremony June 11, 2022: Will Coursey

- Collection bins will continue to be cleared; no report of large flags being in any bin at this time.
- Idea remains to have notice on each bin of contact for the large flags (as are flown at auto dealerships).
- Will to contact Andrea Cofrancesco (SW Human Services Director) for contact on auto dealership. fWill able for "pickup" of large flags.
- Head of SW Art Department has been asked for video assistance for retirement ceremony; no response to date; Will to reach out again. If no response, Will also to ask area colleges if a student would film the ceremony for us to use as an public educational tool to be posted on our website/FB page
- Will to contact Art to ensure fire ring in place for retirement ceremony.
- To date, June 11th clear. Will to contact Park and Rec to ensure no conflicts; Bobbi Jo to contract Al Maximino (SWLL) for same purpose.

Veterans Day Ceremony November 11, 2022 Ed Gawlinski—no report needed at this time

Veterans in the Schools 2021: Daria Plummer—no report needed at this time

Wreaths Across America December 17, 2022 (SW-VMP): Art Sladyk

- State ceremony is Monday, December 12, 2022 at the Capitol.

Wall Behind the Monument and Improvements at VMP (flagpoles, firepit, bricks): Art Sladyk

- No new bricks at this time; vendor retiring; new vendor will be sought

Wall of Honor: Herb Asplund—no report needed at this time

Banner Project: Herb Asplund, Daria Plummer

- Twenty-five confirmed nominees for 2022; all information secured.
- Herb, Daria will re-look at poles for placement; town hall and library area are acceptable; we have permission to have banners there also.
- Town honored put up new brackets and all banners prior to Memorial Day,

Old Business:

- Herb reported that no information in town ordinance available of when to elect officers; however traditionally, it has occurred in November, every other year, subsequent to municipal elections. By consensus, the Patriotic Commission will do the same for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bobbi Jo to ensure that town website and Patriotic Commission site are up-to-date with information

ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE: Nothing at this time

Adjournment: 8:35 PM on a motion by **Behler/Anderson CARRIED**

Next Meeting: Monday, April 25, 2022, 7 PM, Madden Room

Respectively Submitted,

Daria Plummer, Secretary