

SOUTH WINDSOR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION
April 25, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Roger Anderson, Herb Asplund, Gene Botteron, Ed Gawlinski, Leigh Lovering, Bobbi Jo Maltz, Daria Plummer, Art Sladyk, Council Liaison Mayor Pendleton

CALL TO ORDER: Call to order at 7:15 p.m. by Bobbi Jo Maltz, Chairperson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, after the judging of the 2022 Poster Contest entries.

MINUTES: Daria Plummer

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bobbi Jo Maltz

- No changes from previous presentation (Marach)
- Upcoming Armed Forces Day expenses will be reflected next month; check being cut for fireworks

CORRESPONDENCE: Bobbi Jo Maltz

- None at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Essay Contest 2022: Roger Anderson

- Poster Contest winners, Grades K-2:
 - First: Dhruv Ganesh, Grade 1, Pleasant Valley Elementary
 - Second: Sujitt Kannaiyan, Grade 2, Orchard Hill Elementary
 - Third: Alexander Maltz, Grade 1, Eli Terry Elementary
- Essay Contest winners, Grades 3-5:
 - First: Jana Brownbill, Grade 5, Philip R. Smith Elementary
 - Second: Ananya Save, Grade 4, Orchard Hill Elementary
 - Third: William Chan, Grade 3, Philip R. Smith Elementary
- Essay Contest winners, Grades 6-8:
 - First: Mihika Joshi, Grade 8, TEMS
 - Second: Nevinna Gravseth-Roman, Grade 8, TEMS
 - Third: Aniron Pal, Grade 6, TEMS
- Essay Contest winners, Grades 9-12
 - First: Olivia Kvadus, Grade 10, SWHS
 - Second: TBD*
 - Third: TBD*

*As members of the 9-12 essay reading subcommittee were absent and second/third place had not been determined by the close of the meeting, the minutes will be updated once winners selected.

- Commission will present winners to the Town Council on June 6, 2022.
- 2023 directions will become more specific to ensure all electronic submissions formatted the same to ensure that they are able to be opened and printed, and all original posters are to be submitted at the Town Hall. Additionally, more detail information will be required for names (to ensure proper spelling).
- Roger, Will, and a SW technology employee will revise the entry form

Armed Forces Day May 21, 2022: Bobbi Jo Maltz

- All vendors and trucks secured.

- SW Community Chorus and SW Community Band to play, as well as a Bluegrass Band.
- Glitter tattoo artist secured rather than a face painter; more children can be serviced in less time
- Jaycees handling fire marshal and health/food inspector requirements; grounds layout; all permits in place
- Mazolu Animal Sanctuary, balloon animals made by a “walking” artist, and Captain America also will be present.
- Bounce Houses secured at less cost than 2019, with Interact Club volunteers. Daria, Gene, Herb to oversee the houses with SWHS Interact Club volunteers and Bounce House employees; medical kits will be available if needed as a precaution
- Air Force recruiter has asked for other military recruiters to join her at the event; no response to date.
- Two military vehicles will be present.
- VVA, Chapter 120, will be present.
- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Riders (Paul Mozzicato contact) also will be present.
- American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary also will be present.
- Signs for AFD will be put up in eight locations; electronic sign being sought at the Havens Emergency Center
- 25 8 x 10 posters have been located; Bobbi Jo to see about placement in businesses that shared AFD in 2019
- Fireworks in place
- Daria has submitted a write up to both the JI and the Community Courant, as well as to the Senior Connection (SW Human Services newsletter to seniors). It has been published to date in the May edition of the Senior Connections.
- Bobbi Jo to ask Park/Rec re: bathroom availability for both the Pavilion and the soccer field bathrooms

Memorial Day Parade May 30, 2022: Leigh Lovering—written report—Parade Step off Document presented

- Parade Order and Order of March, Divisions 1-5, discussed and 2019 document updated as follows:
 - Grand Marshall 2022: Joseph Kizis, US Navy, WW II veteran (convertible arranged)
 - Ceremony Speaker: Captain Adam Gravseth, USMC
 - Clergy: Rev. Mark Abernethy, Wapping Community Church
 - Ambulance to assemble with Fire Department and Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association
 - Dignitaries invited
- Historical Society and Girl Scouts both may enter floats
- Herb will coordinate Division I line up; Will (to be asked) Division II; Gene Unit III; Margaret (to be asked) Division IV
- Gene and Leigh will set up Division signs on Friday, May 27
- Members with safety vests asked to wear them
- Members need not arrive before 8:30; all should be in place by 9 AM
- Flyover arranged
- Leigh to manage traffic control for participants at entrance of VMP as parade ends

Memorial Day Ceremony May 30, 2022: Ed Gawlinski

- John Helke to play taps
- Community Chorus to sign National Anthem and God Bless America; coins being sought for them
- Rev. Abernethy to give invocation and benediction; will be asked to include war on Ukraine
- Speaker solidified (Capt. Gravseth)
- Wreaths to be laid by volunteers; hoping to have WW II veterans lay WW II wreath (Ed Havens, Joseph Kizis, Bob Shaffer); Mayor Pendleton Vietnam; others to be asked: Peter Anthony, Sandy Warshuasky

- Police volley arranged
- Gene and Art to place flag holders; Art will bring the bell
- Ed will obtain wreaths
- Poster and essay contest winners will be presented
- No bricks to be laid this year; Herb has remaining bricks we use; a new supplier and “inscriber” being sought

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

- Volunteers needed to ensure flags placed on Thursday are straight by Memorial Day

Flags on Main Street: Leigh Lovering

- 3 x 5 flags ordered in 2021 will arrive this year (supply chain issue)
- Sufficient cemetery flags for 2022; order to be placed for more to ensure they will be in place for 2023

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

- Flag pickup completed for April; no issues.
- Andrea Cofrancesco (SW Human Services Director) said contact at auto dealership reported no flags to be picked up; she will reach out if any changes.
- Thanks given to Ken Lewis for arranging fire truck for flag retirement ceremony
- Art assured Commission that Park and Rec will have the fire ring in place for ceremony
- Continuing to pursue a videographer to record the flag retirement ceremony; still need to reconnect with the school system.
- Open to any and all other ideas

Veterans Day Ceremony November 11, 2022 Ed Gawlinski

- Suggestion made by Mayor Pendleton to have individual songs from each military branch played at the ceremony and ask members of each branch to stand when their song is played.

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

- See reference to firepit and bricks above

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

Banner Project: Herb Asplund, Daria Plummer

- Twenty-five confirmed nominees for 2022; 19 banners to be placed at the Community Center, with 6 at the lower entrance to SWPL
- Four banners to be displayed together: Anderson, Lewis, Lovering, Lund
- Publicity will be sought when we know when the banners will be installed

Old Business:

- Bobbi Jo to update FB page and town website as needed, and Mayor Pendleton will assist Commission in getting its information in the proper town site areas

- Discussion of Town Ordinance for purchases of \$5000 postponed until June meeting due to time

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time

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

Adjournment: 9:27 PM on a motion by **Sladyk/Asplund CARRIED**

Next Meeting: Monday, May 24, 2022, 7 PM, Madden Room

Respectively Submitted,

Daria Plummer, Secretary