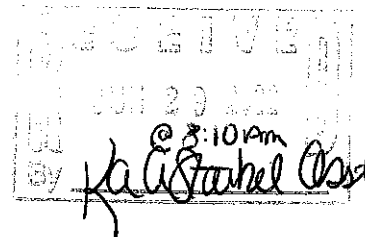


**SOUTH WINDSOR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION**  
**June 27, 2022**



**ATTENDANCE:** Roger Anderson, Herb Asplund, Diane Behler, Gene Botteron, Ed Gawlinski, Leigh Lovering, Bobbi Jo Maltz, Daria Plummer, Art Sladyk; Guest: Ken Lewis

**CALL TO ORDER:** Call to order 7:00 PM by Bobbi Jo Maltz, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Daria Plummer

- Motion made to accept the minutes of May 23, 2022. **Behler/Gawlinski CARRIED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- An extensive discussion was held on the budget. Two business invoices have been asked to be removed and sent to other town accounts: Environmental Services, as we never have been billed previously for Armed Forces Day; NE Silica, as the work done was due to the town's placement of a cell tower at VMP that required replaced bricks destroyed when removed at the fire pit location. Bobbi Jo will address the situation with the town Finance Department on Tuesday, June 28, due to the budget year's end on 6/30/2022.
- **Motion:** Should the Patriotic Commission have the appropriate funding remaining, the following purchases are to be made from the 2021-22 budget: 11 gross of cemetery flags (\$2433.60), 100 updated Patriotic Commission coins (\$945.00), 200 plastic coin holders (\$44.80). **Behler/Anderson**
- **Amendment:** Should the reimbursements from Environmental Services and NE Silica not be returned to the Commission budget, the remaining Patriotic Commission funds are to be used to purchase cemetery flags (the nearest gross amount to be fully covered), plastic coin cases, and a donation to the American Legion Wreaths Across America. **Asplund/Gawlinski**

The amendment **CARRIED**.

The amended motion **CARRIED**.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Thank you note received from Captain Adam Gravseth regarding the honor of being the guest speaker and our support of the Patriotic Commission Essay and Poster Contest

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Essay Contest 2022:** Roger Anderson

- Roger thanked Anurag Joshi and Daria Plummer for their assistance on Memorial Day and Daria at the Town Council presentation. Roger asked for assistance in 2023 parade to carry the essay contest sign.
- The four students not able to attend the June Town Council presentation will be invited to the October Commission meeting to read their essays and show posters
- Participation certificates have not been able to be made for several years. With future consultation among members of the Commission (Will and Bobbi Jo) and town IT services, Bobbi Jo will ask if the town is able to print certificates of participation for all students who enter the contest going forward.
- Electronic entry forms need to be rewritten/updated. Will to be asked to assist on this.

**Armed Forces Day May 21, 2022:**

- Completed; no report. Next Armed Forces Day is May 20, 2023

**Memorial Day Parade May 30, 2022:** Leigh Lovering

- Completed; no report. Next Memorial Day Parade is May 29, 2023

**Memorial Day Ceremony May 30, 2022:** Ed Gawlinski

- Suggestions made for 2023 were more chairs for attendees, if possible; printed programs
- Suggestion received to have names of Patriotic Commission members printed on memorial plaque at VMP prior to name being "in memoriam." Discussion; no action as consensus was to keep current practice.

**Flags in Cemeteries Memorial Day May 30, 2022:**

- American Legion members, as well as retiring Commander Art Sladyk, carry flags with them for cemetery replacement as needed.

**Flags on Main Street:** Leigh Lovering—no report at this time

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

- All went well
- Discussion held on flags not resting on ground, although tarp was on ground. Truck possible solution.
- Discussion held on flag pickups. Will had done a sweep on June 10.
- Next flag retirement is June 10, 2023

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

**Veterans in the Schools 2022:** Daria Plummer

- Assumption is that veterans will be allowed in the schools in fall 2022.
- Clearance will be researched to ensure all veterans have clearance for that day.
- Dates will be determined by the school district

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

- 3 M wreaths were placed worldwide; in the United States, South Windsor was in the top five communities
- South Windsor American Legion Post #133 was 2<sup>nd</sup> in CT in funds raised for wreaths

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

- Bricks will now be made by a new vendor
- Brick prices will remain the same

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

**Banner Project:** Herb Asplund, Daria Plummer

- Celebration event discussed. Armed Forces Day preview of banners a success and an expansion of that may be for 2023.
- Three banners were made and given to Brookdale residents. Payment will come from banner account under the Community Foundation.

**Old Business:**

- Discussion of Town Ordinance for purchases of \$5000
- State and town have a list of licensed shooters for fireworks
- Bobbi Jo to follow up on request for bids for 2023 Armed Forces Day

- Removal of flag pole for special flags at Wapping Community House discussed. Art Sladyk will ask the American Legion to request of the Town Council its removal as only one American flag should be flown at any location at a time.
- Neon vests will be made available to the Commission for use at events such as Armed Forces Day and the Memorial Day Parade.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Request from resident regarding mention of son's name at a VMP ceremony (like Memorial Day) discussed; son died while in service to country, but not in conflict.
  - Criteria for the names read are for residents of South Windsor who were killed in action in a declared conflict
  - A brick purchase would enable the Commission to so note this loss either at Veterans Day or Memorial Day, when brick placement names are read. Daria will contact the resident.
- Discussion held on a budget meeting for July and chair replacement. No action, but chair nominee is considering request.
- Lest We Forget Dog Tag Program will be discussed in the fall

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

**Adjournment:** 9:25 PM on a motion by **Asplund/Plummer CARRIED**

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 26, 2022, 7 PM, Madden Room

Respectively Submitted,

Daria Plummer, Secretary

