

SOUTH WINDSOR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION

November 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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, Daria Plummer, Art Sladyk. Guests: Dick Lyman, Tom Sullivan, Jay Samsel.*

The meeting was then suspended to allow for discussion with members from the Wapping Cemetery Association, after which the meeting resumed.

Discussion summary: Patriotic flags at Wapping Cemetery are disposed of properly through the company hired to do cemetery cleanup. Comprehensive flag posting from Memorial Day until retrieval at December Wreaths Across America will be discussed by the Cemetery Association's Board of Directors and an answer will be given to the Patriotic Commission. Consistent flag placement at either the footstone or headstone, to ease grounds' care, is highly preferable. It was agreed by all that proper instruction needs to be given to Scouts so that flags are sturdily planted and placed appropriately. Art Sladyk volunteered to speak to Scout masters on this latter issues, as well as for bi-weekly checks of flags (removal of torn flags; firmer placement of those slanting).

MINUTES:

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted on a motion by Anderson/Asplund.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kent Carlson

- Accepted as printed and presented

CORRESPONDENCE: Kent Carlson (None at this time.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Essay Contest: Roger Anderson

- Flyers ready for print and distribution. Commission members asked to review for any corrections or omissions.

Evening in the Park: Kent Carlson (No further development since last meeting.)

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony: Kent Carlson (No further development since last meeting.)

Flag Day flag retirement ceremony: Peter Anthony

- Bins being kept cleared out

Veterans Day Parade: Kent Carlson

- SW had largest group participation this year for those representing our town

Veterans Day Ceremony: Kent Carlson

- Ceremony was hugely successful, despite weather

Veterans in the Schools: Kent Carlson

- All programs successful. In 2016, we are able to get the times of each elementary school program from the Superintendent's office. If Commission members can attend an elementary program also, that would be appreciated.

Wreaths Across America: Art Sladyk

- December 12, South Windsor ceremony on target and all set.

Wall Behind the Monument: Art Sladyk

- Granite ready to be delivered
- Recessed lighting for the Wall discussed
- Awaiting coordination with Kevin Foley; site needs to be perfectly flat; foundation then can be dug

Wall of Honor: Herb Asplund (No report needed at this time)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Pins well received by the TE Marching Band
- Flags at Town Center on hold until Bill Carroll contacted

NEW BUSINESS:

- Replacements needed for both Len Glasser and Bill Carroll's positions.
- Brick maintenance needed
- New bricks to be added; new forms on line and at Town Hall

ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE: (None at this time)

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 21, 2015, at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment: 8:46 PM, on a motion to adjourn. **Motion: Sladyk/Botteron. Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Daria Plummer, Secretary

Approved: December 14, 2015