

SOUTH WINDSOR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION

December 14, 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: *Peter Anthony, Herb Asplund, Gene Botteron, Kent Carlson, Bob Hrnish, Leigh Lovering, Daria Plummer, Art Sladyk, James Throwe; Guests: Boy Scouts and leader from Troop 362.*

MINUTES:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kent Carlson

- Budget continues to be on tract; report accepted as printed and presented

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Jim Throwe shared a thank you letter written by John Barisi, teacher, TEMS, and thank you cards written to him by Mr. Barisi's students, regarding Jim's discussion with students on their celebration of Veteran's Day. Kent and Leigh responded that they had received cards also.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Essay Contest: Roger Anderson

- Roger emailed that the contest is on track.

Evening in the Park: Kent Carlson

- Fireworks ordered
- Another Bounce House ordered for 2016, bringing us to four
- Face painting and balloons will be offered free to participants; we will pay a flat fee for services
- Contracts will be sent out beginning in January

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony: Kent Carlson

- Work will begin in February
- Leigh and Gene will assist in this programmatic endeavor
- Dedication of The Wall will be also at this time
- Discussion held/concerns explained to Scouts and Scout Master present regarding "checking on flags" at Wapping Cemetery on a regular basis

Flag Day flag retirement ceremony: Peter Anthony

- Bins being kept cleared out
- Kent and Jim have approached businesses whose flags are in poor condition to not only remove them, but will/are providing new flags
- Flags on Main Street removed for winter
- Jay Murtha has replacement Main Street flags; other contractors, perhaps Kevin Foley, will replace them

Veterans Day Parade: Kent Carlson (completed at this time)

Veterans Day Ceremony: Kent Carlson (completed at this time)

Veterans in the Schools: Kent Carlson (completed at this time)

Wreaths Across America: Art Sladyk

- Largest attendance ever: 410, with some cars leaving due to congestion
- Coverage will be in Community Courant on 12-17-15
- Information will be sent to the Journal Inquirer
- 12-10-16 is the 2016 date
- Discussion held on etiquette of hat removal; etiquette will be shared in future with attendees at all ceremonies
- Commission has a significant number of Flag Etiquette booklets available for distribution

Wall Behind the Monument: Art Sladyk

- Granite delivered today, December 14, 2015 ☺
- Forms to be dug gratis
- Permits all set/secured/approved
- CBD in progress
- Fence to be pushed back; new load bearing wall to be constructed
- Plaques to be installed while granite on ground
- Costs approximately within grant total; invoices come to Commission, turned over to town and is paid by the town, which in turn is reimbursed from the state
- Commission consensus to hire company experienced in monument building for erection of The Wall
- Excavation to begin this month, as soon as permit to dig is released
- Bricks will need some repair after completion, including those by plantings

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- Flags at Town Center on hold until Bill Carroll contacted

NEW BUSINESS: (None at this Time)

ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE:

- Jim Throwe shared that holiday gifts are needed for the Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs; Jim will deliver to the collection site
- Jim shared also that he is working on three donated scooters from Lindsey Limousine that are available for veterans
- Kent shared the new Memorial Bricks Form that is now available; Herb reminded the Commission of the lingering issue of one person's request for wording the bricks that did not fit.

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 11, 2016, at 7:30 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Daria Plummer, Secretary