Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence for the Queen of England led by Tim Siggia.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: Noted by John Cook.
   - Commission’s involvement
   - 9/11 Service at Goodwin University.

3. ROLL CALL: As indicated above.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for June 8, 2022 meeting.

   MOTION       By James Shelmerdine, Jr.
               Seconded by Tim Siggia
               Motion carried 7/0

6. COMMUNICATION AND INVOICES
   a. Veterans’ Day Flag invoice

      An invoice was received for $163.00 per 144 flags (gross); 35% increase from earlier in the year.
      It was suggested to save money, the flags be recycled by asking volunteers (Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts or students who need to do public service) to collect them. Saving the flags will cut down cost.

7. OLD BUSINESS

      The following rules for the essay were discussed:

      1. Open to:
         a. Residents of East Hartford who are:
            i. High School seniors, and
            ii. College Bound

      2. Biography is to be based on a person who is listed on East Hartford’s Gold Star Honor roll.
3. The biography cannot be based on a person whose biography has previously been selected for a scholarship.

4. Biography will be based:
   a. Development of the human side of the subject,
   b. Factual references,
   c. Proper documentation and research.

5. Award will be made by a committee appointed by the East Hartford Veterans Commission based on these rules.

6. The award will be paid to the College/University for tuition of the recipient.

   A motion was made to accept the rules for the East Hartford’s Gold Star Honor Roll Essay Scholarship.

   **MOTION**
   By Dan LeReau
   Seconded by Art Parker
   Motion carried 7/0

b. POW/MIA ceremony at bridge on Hillside.

   On Friday, September 16, 2022, a ceremony will be held on the bridge (parking lot) on Hillside at 9:00am. Chairman stated that the Mayor was invited, but has a conflict and Conor Martin will be attending. Tim Siggia suggested that if there are any POWs living in East Harford, invitations should be sent to them.

c. Grave Markers – Veterans buried outside veterans’ section – Tabled for later discussion.

d. Veterans Commission challenge coins – Tabled for later discussion.

8. NEW BUSINESS – None

9. ADJOURNMENT

   A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm

   **MOTION**
   By James Shelmerdine Jr.
   Seconded by Paul Barry
   Motion carried 7/0

**The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2022.**

Respectfully submitted by: Juliet D. Relph, Clerk