

*Robert J. Cook*

EAST HARTFORD VETERANS COMMISSION

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EAST HARTFORD TOWN HALL

TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

WELLING CONFERENCE ROOM

January 8, 2020

PRESENT: Chair John Cook, Vincent Parys, Tia Woods, and James Shelmerdine

ABSENT: Richard Bates, Timothy Siggia, Melodie Wilson

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. He announced the exit locations in accordance with CT General Statutes §29-381, after which the commission was led in the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: None

ROLL CALL: as indicated above.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: by James Shelmerdine  
Seconded by Vincent Parys  
To approve  
Motion carried: 4/0

COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOICES: Chairman John Cook updated commissioners concerning Bicentennial Park and the memorial maple trees that were planted in memory of East Hartford's fallen during the Vietnam War.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cards for flag placement volunteers. Discussion has been delayed till February meeting.
2. Bicentennial Park update – see communications above.
3. Commission budget presentation is scheduled for 8:30 AM on 2/29/20.
4. Chairman Cook will contact D'Esopo funeral home to ask about flag retirements.

NEW BUSINESS

Plans for 2020 – commissioners were asked to start thinking of additional plans for 2020

- 1) Memorial Day – May 25 – Continue with what we did for 2019
  - a) Flag placements
    - i) Morning service with wreath placement
    - ii) Tia Woods will check on the availability of a Chaplin to assist in our services.
  - b) Event at EHHS with music
    - i) Look into providing transportation for town seniors to attend.
  - c) Roll call of the fallen at Bicentennial Park.
  - d) Check with Goodwin University to see if we can coordinate.

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- 2) Flag Day – June 14<sup>th</sup>
- 3) POW/MIA Day – September 18<sup>th</sup>
- 4) Veterans Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>
  - a) Flag placements
  - b) Morning service with wreath placement
  - c) Tia Woods will check on the availability of a Chaplin to assist in our services.
- 5) Chairman John Cook will research the date when volunteers are asked to clean Veteran's headstones at National Cemeteries to see if we might be able to do the same.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Tia Woods  
                  Seconded by Vincent Parys  
                  Motion carried 4/0 at 8:10

Submitted by:

Chairman John Cook