

Robert J. Cook
EAST HARTFORD VETERANS COMMISSION

EAST HARTFORD TOWN HALL

WELLING CONFERENCE ROOM

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TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

February 19, 2020

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

ABSENT: Richard Bates, Melodie Wilson

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 7:02p.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 for our fallen service members.

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: 5/0

COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOICES: none

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cards for flag placement volunteers. Discussion has been delayed till March meeting.
2. Commission budget presentation is scheduled for 8:30 AM on 2/29/20. Commission Wilson is scheduled to make presentation. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
3. Chairman Cook contacted D'Esopo funeral home to ask about flag retirements and spoke to Lionel J. Lessard, Jr. D'Esopo has assisted us in flag retirements and has indicated that they will continue.
4. Plans for 2020 – commissioners were asked to continue 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 checked and has a minister that is available to assist in our services.
 - b) Event at EHHS with music – need Commission Wilson's input.
 - i) Look into providing transportation for town seniors to attend. Commission Cook will pursue the feasibility of getting transportation and to see if the East Hartford Housing Authority will allow us to post advertisements in their senior housing. He will also check with the Town Senior Center.
 - c) Roll call of the fallen at Bicentennial Park.
 - d) Check with Goodwin University to see if we can coordinate.

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- e) Flag Day – June 14th
- f) POW/MIA Day – September 18th Commissioner Cook will check with Mayors office to ensure that our POW/MIA flags are flown.
- g) Veterans Day – November 11th
 - i) Flag placements
 - ii) Morning service with wreath placement
- h) 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 James Shelmerdine
 Seconded by Timothy Siggia
 Motion to adjourn
 Motion carried 5/0 at 7:58 PM

Submitted by:

Chairman John Cook