MEAST HARTFORD VETERANS COMMISSION

MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

May 5, 2021

Special Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman John Cook, Timothy Siggia, Vincent Parys, James Shelmerdine, Richard Bates,

and Tia Woods.

ABSENT: Melodie Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commission Siggia led in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: none

ROLL CALL: as indicated above.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOICES: invoice from Action Flag, Co for \$4,278.00 for 46 gross of 12 x 18 flags. Sent to purchasing for payment. Purchase was authorized by prior meeting motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Preparations for Memorial Day.
 - o Flag placements 5/22/21 at 8:00AM Hillside Cemetery.
 - Tim Siggia will purchase coffee and donuts.
 - o Tim Siggia will oversee Hillside Cemetery until 8:30 and Tia Woods will relieve him.
 - Tim Siggia will try and find a Chaplin for invocation.
 - o Vincent Parys will oversee Silver Lane Cemetery effort.
 - o Richard Bates will oversee Center Cemetery effort.
 - o John Cook will float between Hillside, Silver Lane, and Center.
 - o Bob Falkevitz volunteers to do flag placements at Old South and Hockanum.
- Program at Bicentennial Park
 - o May 30, 2021 at 6:00PM.
 - Printed program is being drafted by John Cook. Tia Woods has offered to proof the program prior to printing. Brescia Printing has offered to print the program and it was agreed to add an acknowledgement of their support to the program.
 - Local officials have been asked to attend
 - We will work with Mayor's office to notify local press and social media.
 - o Jim Shelmerdine will make arrangements for a rifle honor guard.
 - John Cook will contact the police or fire department for an honor guard to post the colors.
 - Vincent Parys will make arrangements for a podium and speaker equipment with the Parks and Rec department.
 - James Shelmerdine will make arrangements for wreaths for Hillside Cemetery and for Bicentennial Park.

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o John Cook will try to make arrangements for a trumpeter for TAPS.

NEW BUSINESS - none

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By James Shelmerdine

Seconded by Tia Woods Motion carried 6/0 at 7:40pm

Submitted by:

Chairman John Cook