

*Robert J. Cook*  
EAST HARTFORD VETERANS COMMISSION

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MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

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EAST HARTFORD

October 21, 2020

Special Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman John Cook, Timothy Siggia, Vincent Parys, Tia Woods, James Shelmerdine, and Richard Bates.

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 7:02 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: None allowed – special meeting.

ROLL CALL: as indicated above.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION: Carol Fellenstein, a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at O'Connell school spoke to the Commission about this years "Wreaths for Veterans" and the challenges that they've been facing to fund the purchase of wreaths for 500+ veteran graves at Silver Lane Cemetery. The wreaths are locally sourced at Castertano's Nursery in Cheshire, CT The cost of each wreath is \$6.50 so the overall goal is based on the current count of veterans buried at Silver Lane. Estimate is in the range of \$3,500 to \$4,000. Commissioner Cook indicated that he has asked both the local VFW and Goodwin College if they could consider contributions to continue this important event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: for March 11, 2020.

MOTION: by James Shelmerdine  
Seconded by Tim Siggia  
To approve  
Motion carried: 6/0

COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOICES: invoice for \$150 for Memorial Day wreath from Paul Buettner Florist paid by Commissioner Cook.

MOTION: by Vincent Parys to authorize reimbursement for wreath.  
Seconded by James Shelmerdine  
To approve  
Motion carried: 6/0

OLD BUSINESS: discussed the need for a Chaplin to assist the commission at our events.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Veterans Day Plans: discussed date for flag placement – either 10/31/20 or 11/7/20.

MOTION: by Vincent Parys to have the placement on 10/31/20 starting at 8:00am.  
Seconded by Tia Woods  
To approve  
Motion carried: 6/0

Commissioner Parys reported that we have 44 gross (boxes) of flags in storage.

Work assignments for Veterans Day flag placements:

- John Cook will submit press release for volunteers to the Mayor's office for publication.
- Tia Woods will supervise Silver Lane
- Richard Bates will supervise Center
- Vincent Parys and Timothy Siggia will supervise Hillside.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Vincent Parys  
Seconded by Tia Woods  
Motion carried 6/0 at 8:00pm

Submitted by:

Chairman John Cook