

VETERANS COMMISSION MINUTES

740 MAIN STREET

EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Town Hall, Welling Conference Room on 2nd floor

November 17, 2021 7:00 p.m. SPECIAL MEETING

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

Absent: Tia Woods and Melodie Wilson

Pledge of Allegiance led by Timothy Siggia.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2) AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: none
- 3) ROLL CALL: as indicated above.
- 4) OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION: Mayor Walsh addressed the commission regarding the implementation of the Memorial Day Parade. He indicated that we have the support of his office and the Town Council. He indicated that his aide, Connor Martin, will act as the liaison between the commission and his office. He suggested that we establish the date, time, and possible route as quickly as possible.
- 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES from October 13, 2021 meeting.

MOTION By James Shelmerdine
 Seconded by Vincent Parys
 Motion carried 5/0
- 6) COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOICES. Approval to reimburse Timothy Siggia for coffee and dounuts he purchased for our 11/6/21 event at Hillside Cemetery. The amount is \$21.83.

MOTION By Richard Bates
 Seconded by James Shelmerdine
 Motion carried 5/0

7) OLD BUSINESS

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- a) Approval of expenses see item 6.
- b) O'Connell school's Wreath's for Silver Lane needs our help in order to assure that there are enough wreaths for the Veteran's graves. A motion was made to donate \$500 to the O'Connell school's program to provide a wreath for veterans buried at Silver Lane Cemetery.

MOTION By James Shelmerdine
 Seconded by Timothy Siggia
 Motion carried 5/0

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Memorial Day parade
- b) We discussed two possible dates for the parade; Memorial Day 5/30 or the 5/28 which is the Saturday before. The commission decided 5/0 to have the parade on Memorial Day starting at 10:00am.
- c) A motion was made to establish a Parade Committee with the task to plan the Memorial Day Parade and to report back to the Commission during monthly meetings.
- d) Members of the committee will include: John Cook, Vinnie Parys, James Shelmerdine, Craig Jordan, Robert Venti, Candy Gustamochio, Dan Lareau, Connor Martin
- e) The first meeting of the committee will held on 11/30/2021 at 7:00pm at Town Hall.
- f) A possible parade route is down River Drive to the Fallen Star Monument at Goodwin University.
- g) A press release and notice on electronic media will be made inviting groups that are interested in participating in the parade to contact the committee or commission
- h) The date and time of committee meetings will be posted on the Town's website and will be open to the public.

9) ADJOURNMENT at 8:13 PM.

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MOTION By Vinnie Parys
 Seconded by James Shelmerdine
 Motion carried 5/0