

# EAST HARTFORD VETERANS COMMISSION

## MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

December 9, 2020  
Regular Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman John Cook, Timothy Siggia, Vincent Parys, and James Shelmerdine.

ABSENT: Richard Bates, Melodie Wilson, Tia Woods

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: Chairman Cook added count of flags for Veterans Day placements.

ROLL CALL: as indicated above.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: for November 18, 2020.

MOTION: by James Shelmerdine  
Seconded by Tim Siggia  
To approve  
Motion carried: 4/0

COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOICES: Commissioner Cook notified commission of communications from Ann Cosgrove of [www.anns.work](http://www.anns.work) and her desire to find WWII veterans so she can provide them with a gift. She was told that we don't have a central list and she was invited to address the commission at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ Wreaths for Silver Lane – will verify the actual date that O'Connell students will place wreaths – either the 18<sup>th</sup> or the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. Commissioner Cook will contact them to get the specifics and will notify the commission.
- ❖ Commissioner Shelmerdine found a web site that has a comprehensive list of events and dates for 2021. Commissioner Cook asked commission members to review the list so we can establish dates and events to mark for 2021. Our goal is to formalize plans during our January 2021 meeting. Jessica Carrero, suggested that once the calendar is formalized that we submit it to her office for publication and for inclusion on our website calendar.
- ❖ Appreciation plaque for EHHS. Commissioner Parys will discuss with EHHS on how to proceed and will report back to the commission.
  
- ❖ Veterans Day Flags: the Tolland Boy Scout troop that removed the flags count them by sections for Silver Lane, Hillside, and Center. Their counts are:
  - Silver Lane:
    - front 352
    - back 157
  - Hillside:

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- Section 1: north of flag 506
- Section 1: south of flag 234
- Section 2: 540
- Section 3: 270
- Section 4: 369
- Commissioner Cook will contact the Historical Society to ensure that all Veterans are being counted.
- Center:
  - Main Street to hill: 169
  - Hill: 7
  - Bottom of hill to Elm St: 66
- Old South – not counted
- Hockanum – not counted

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Cook told the commission about Carter Cares Inc., of South Windsor, a non-profit run by Veterans whose mission is to solicit product donations from companies and to disperse them to organizations. This is a possible resource for the future.

### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION      By Vincent Parys  
                    Seconded by James Shelmerdine  
                    Motion carried 4/0 at 7:41pm

Submitted by:

Chairman John Cook