### **VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING**

#### 740 MAIN STREET

### EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

# East Hartford Community Cultural Center - Room 111

May 9, 2023- 7:00 pm

**Present**: John Cook, Paul Barry, Howard Satalino, Richard Bates, James Shelmerdine, Jr., Candy Guastamachio, and Juliet Relph, Clerk.

Also Present: Robin Parys - Resident

**Absent**: Art Parker (Death in family)

Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence led by James Shelmerdine, Jr.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner John Cook called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm
  - 2) AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: Amended to include discussion on Flags disposal.
- 3) ROLL CALL: As indicated above.
- 4) OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION None
- 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES for April 11, 2023, meeting.

MOTION By Candy Guastamachio

Seconded by James Shelmerdine, Jr.

Motion carried 6/0

- 6) COMMUNICATION AND INVOICES
  - Email to Commission from WWII Heritage Museum regarding the condition and upkeep of the WWII monuments at Martin Park.
    - Connor Martin will speak to Parks & Recs to clean monuments.

# 7) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Biography contest for high school students
  - One bio has been presented.
- b) Contest for High School Sophomores and Juniors What Memorial Day Means to Me.
  - Four essays were read at the Memorial Day working committee.
  - John Cook will secure a \$100 gift card on behalf of the Commission, along with another \$100 gift card from Goodwin College.

## 8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Memorial Day parade 2023 planning.
  - Keynote speaker Essay winner
  - Grand Marshall Frank Rist Navy Veteran of WWII Seabee
  - Memorial Day parade signs were ordered by Candy Guastamachio
- b) Approval of miscellaneous parade fees.

A motion was made to authorize a donation of \$800.00 to the East Hartford High School Band.

MOTION By Paul Barry

Seconded by Howard Satalino

Motion carried 6/0

- c) Memorial service on Sunday, May 28th at Bicentennial Park.
  - Connor Martin will coordinate logistics.
  - i) Laying of wreath wreath donated by East Hartford Housing Authority.
  - ii) Reading of Gold Star names
    - WWI James Shelmerdine Jr.
    - WWII R Bates & John Cook
    - Civil War Howard Satalino
  - iii) Bagpiper to play
  - iv) EHPD Honor Guard to attend -
  - v) TAPS by buglers from EHHS.
- d) Flag placements May 20th at 8:00am
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm

MOTION By Paul Barry

Seconded by James Shelmerdine Jr.

Motion carried 6/0

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted by: Juliet D. Relph, Clerk