VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING

740 MAIN STREET

EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

East Hartford Community Cultural Center - Room 111

June 13, 2023-7:00 pm

Present: John Cook, Paul Barry, Howard Satalino, Art Parker, James Shelmerdine Jr., Candy Guastamachio, and Juliet Relph, Clerk.

Absent: Richard Bates

Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence led by Paul Barry.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner John Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
 - 2) AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: Amended to include Gold Star Scholarship essay and the removal of page 2 of the agenda.
- 3) ROLL CALL: As indicated above.
- 4) OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION None
- 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES for May 9, 2023, meeting.

MOTION By James Shelmerdine Jr.

Seconded by Art Parker

Motion carried 6/0

- 6) COMMUNICATION AND INVOICES None
- 7) OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Flag removal

A motion was made to remove flags approximately 3 weeks after the Memorial Parade.

MOTION By Art Parker

Seconded by Howard Satalino

Motion carried 6/0

- b) Appointment of new Commissioner Robin Parys.
 - The appointment of the new Commissioner was approved by the Town Council. Mrs. Parys needs to be sworn in by the town clerk.
- Gold Star Scholarship essay for High School seniors (residents of East Hartford)

A motion was made to acknowledge Richard H. Oliveira as the Gold Star scholarship winner of the East Hartford Veterans Commission Gold Star essay contest.

MOTION By Candy Guastamachio

Seconded by Art Parker

Motion carried 6/0

8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Approval of miscellaneous expenses.
 - (1) Postal expenses

A motion was made to reimburse the Clerk of no more than \$30.00 for the purchase of a book of postage stamps.

MOTION By Paul Barry

Seconded by Candy Guastamachio

Motion carried 6/0

(2) \$100.00 gift card

A motion was made to reimburse John Cook \$104.95 for gift card purchased for the Memorial Day essay contest winner.

MOTION By Candy Guastamachio

Seconded by Art Parker

Motion carried 5/0 – commissioner Cook abstained.

(3) Coffee and donuts for volunteers at Hillside Cemetery for flag placements.

A motion was made to reimburse John Cook \$36.10 for refreshments for volunteers at Hillside Cemetery for flag placements.

MOTION By Howard Satalino

Seconded by Art Parker

Motion carried 5/0- commissioner Cook abstained.

- (b) 73rd anniversary of the start of the Korean War (June 25, 1950)
 - Tentative date of June 26, 2023 at 10:00am.
 - Raise the flag and have a ceremony. The ceremony will be held at the Bicentennial Park. Would also like to have a photographer available.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm

MOTION By Art Parker

Seconded by Paul Barry Motion carried 6/0

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted by: Juliet D. Relph, Clerk