

Minutes of September 8, 2015 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Phil Kraft at 3:30 PM.

Commissioners attending: Chairman, Phil Kraft; Secretary, Karen Polett; Vice Chairman, David Polett; Charles Scribner, Rollie Holub, Sueann Schorr, Rebecca Siciliano, Town Historian, Marian Castell

Minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting were accepted as read on a motion by Dave Polett; second Charles Scribner.

Plans for the September 11, ceremony at Middlesex Middle School were finalized. Karen and David will pick up the roses and wreath from Springdale Florist. First responders, Selectmen, officials, and the public have been invited. Publicity was in local papers. Phil will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the 8:30 AM ceremony.

Plans for Veterans Day were discussed. Ceremony will be at Town Hall Veterans' Circle at the Darien Town Hall at 11:00 AM on November 11. Ceremony will be held inside the Town Hall if the weather is inclement. Karen will do publicity and pick up a laurel wreath, an evergreen bough and flowers from Springdale Florist.

Old Town Hall flagpole and plaques were discussed. The Commission felt that the entity responsible for erecting this monument should be found, if possible. Dave offered to research the origins of this monument. Best case would be that the monument remains where it is. If the Housing Authority wants to move it, then the VFW may be interested in the stone and plaques. Commissioners felt that the monument should not be discarded or destroyed.

Phil announced that he is stepping down as Chairman and that elections for officers positions will be from the floor at the October 14, M&C meeting. Commissioners stressed the need for more active involved members. Attendance at monthly meetings and town ceremonies is vital.

The Good Wife's Chapter DAR invited the public to their Patriot Memorial Marker dedication on September 19, at 5PM at the Veterans' Circle at the Darien Town Hall. This marker will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the NSDAR. The Darien DAR Chapter also has a display in the case in the Town Hall lobby to mark their 55th year..

It was suggested that collections for WAA be done at 4 locations on only one weekend in October. Becky will arrange places for hopefully October 17. WAA ceremony is scheduled for December 12, this year. VFW fundraiser is September 18th at 7 PM. Public is invited.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Sueann; second Rollie. The next meeting of the M&C Commission will be held in Room 206 at 3:30 PM on October 14.

Submitted by,

Karen Kreitzberger Polett, Secretary M&C Commission