

Monuments and Ceremonies Commission

Minutes September 9, 2014 (draft copy)

Commissioners present: Dawn Crouch, Ian Konecke, Rollie Holub, Karen Polett, Phil Kraft, John Geoghegan, George Walsh, Marian Castell, Becky Siciliano, Charles Scribner, David Polett, Terry Gaffney, and Sueann Schorr.

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

Minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting were accepted as read on a motion by Rollie, second Charles.

9/11 ceremony scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2014 will begin at 8:30 AM when a moment of silence will be observed. Phil Kraft will conduct the brief ceremony. Karen has ordered and will pick up the wreath, stand and two dozen roses. Linda O'Leary has invited Darien Town officials and first responders. Ceremony is held in the field where the 9/11 monument is located behind Middlesex Middle School. Commissioners were reminded to attend.

Veteran's Day ceremony will be held in front of Darien Town Hall at the Veterans' Circle at 11:00 AM on November 11, 2014. Details will be finalized at the October 14, 2014 M&C Commission meeting.

Display case discussion centered around a possibility of a permanent generic filler from our Commission which would be used when the case is not in use by another town organization so that the case is never empty. Photos of monuments and a brief history of each were mentioned as possibilities.

A Scout has contacted Terry and he and Chick discussed the possibility of the Scout revising the Archives of the Spring Grove Veterans Cemetery and updating additional recent burials of veterans in the other part of the cemetery. This project would be done towards the Scout's Eagle Scout Award.

Discussion followed about the town of Darien taking a more active part in the Wreaths Across America Project this December. In the past, individual members of the M&C Commission have volunteered to collect wreath sponsorships at various locations. Jayme and Phil have been talking and Darien may host the caravan at the new Senior Community Center. Wreath sponsorship collections need to begin soon so that public awareness is heightened by publicity in local papers and to organizations. Terry volunteered to contact Goodwives Stop and Shop for dates and Becky volunteered to contact Palmers for dates to begin collecting 2014 Wreaths Across America sponsorships. More information will follow.

Karen reminded members that the Wreath sponsorship sheets must contain the numbers for the **Group ID# CTVFW6933; and the Location ID# CTSGVD** in order for wreaths to get to the Darien Cemetery for the December 13, 2014 ceremony.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ed Carabillo in absentia; second by George Walsh.

Submitted by,

Karen Kreitzberger Polett

Secretary