



TOWN of DARIEN
MONUMENTS & CEREMONIES COMMISSION
Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820

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Minutes of December 9, 2014

Commissioners in attendance: George Walsh, Dawn Crouch, Terry Gaffney, David Polett, Karen Polett, Phil Kraft, Becky Siciliano, Ken Reiss, Charles Scribner, and Sueann Schorr.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Phil Kraft at 3:31 PM. Minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting were accepted as read on a motion by Becky, second George.

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With deep regret and heartfelt appreciation, the Commission accepted the resignation of long time member, John Geoghegan.

Clarification of ceremonies and events sponsored by the M&C were discussed. Information on Veterans' Day was corrected to reflect dates of signing of the Treaty of Versailles. Also, M&C sponsors Flag Day; September 11; Memorial Day Ceremony at the cemetery; and Veterans' Day Ceremony. Discussion followed about Wreaths Across America and how it can be a town sponsored event even though money is processed through a non-profit. This needs to be determined before

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WAA 2015. This WAA situation will be discussed at the upcoming February 10, 2015 M&C meeting. Perhaps a WAA sub-committee of the M&C Commission should be formed.

Attendance of M&C members and help from all was also discussed. Any future appointees must be able to attend day time meetings and participate in M&C events as scheduled.

M&C partnered with a broad spectrum of local groups to solicit sponsor ships for over 900 wreaths this year. The WAA Ceremony will be held at noon on Saturday, December 13, 2014. Phil and Dave asked for help unloading the wreath truck when it arrives in Darien on Thursday, December 11. Re-loading for the cemetery will occur at 9:30 AM on Saturday the 13th.

Terry mentioned that the Transfer Station Advisory Committee would like to use the Darien Town Hall Lobby display case during March-April. Karen will email an application to Terry. We must check with the Darien High School Art Department which usually uses the case in the Spring. Suggestion was made that the Darien Mather Center be notified that there is a display case available in the lobby of the Darien Town Hall. Applications are required for all displays.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM on a motion by Dawn Crouch, second Terry Gaffney. The next M&C Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 3:30 PM.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Karen Kreitzberger Polett'.

Karen Kreitzberger Polett, Secretary

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- Ex Officio**
- Marian Castell**

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Darien Monuments and Ceremonies Commission Meeting
December 9, 2014

Good Wife's River Chapter, DAR
American Revolution Memorial Project

Hello and thank you for allowing me to formally share the Good Wife's River Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution memorial project of paying tribute to the Middlesex Parish Patriots of the American Revolution.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote Patriotism, Historical Preservation and Education. 2015 is the 125th Anniversary of the NSDAR and as Regent of our chapter along with other board members we thought what better way to celebrate Darien's history in 2015 but to erect a field stone boulder with a bronze plaque monument alongside the other existing world war memorials that the Monuments and Ceremonies commission undertook in 2006 in the Veteran's memorial circle here at town hall. I realize that the M&C thought about adding an American Revolutionary memorial at the time but given the difficulty in tracking down the names of those that served, understand why it was not added at the time. The memorial the GWR is proposing will be a little more generalized yet still acknowledge appropriately those that served, fought and died for the cause of American Independence 1775-1783 and be similar in size and appearance of the existing monuments.

The financial undertaking of this project is 2-fold:

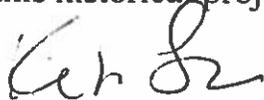
The DAR has a special grant area application specifically designated for these kind of memorials and if approved will cover 50% of the undertaking. Private fundraising and donations from individuals, non-profits and corporations will match the remaining cost.

Fellow GWR officers and I have done the leg work in securing the numbers for this project. We first cleared the process with Darien Town Hall & Zoning who directed me to M&C. We went out and got prices from 2 businesses that could handle the bronze plaque process as well as 2 stone yards for the cost of the 5' x 3'x3' fieldstone boulder similar to those already installed, inlay of plaque, delivery and setting in place. During the process I actually was offered free boulders as well as free or discounted services due to the nature of the project. I attempted to contact the previous stone business "Sticks and Stones, Newtown" used in 2006, but learned they shut down during the winter season so look forward to speaking

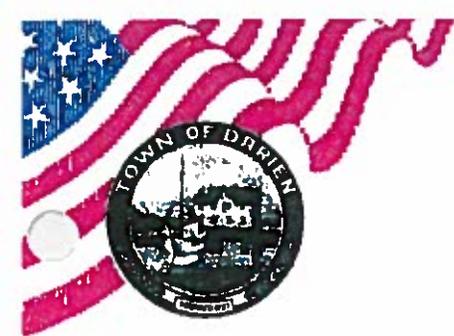
with them in the Spring. The approximate total of the application I will be submitting is \$5,000 and only for the plaque and boulder costs involved.

The application will be postmarked by December 31, 2014 and application outcome is to be known by May 2015. Under the guidance of the Monuments and Ceremonies Commission in the placement within the circle, I anticipate the memorial to be completed, installed, and dedicated by the third week of September during Constitution Week.

Thank you for your time today, the Good Wife's River Chapter would appreciate the Monuments & Ceremonies Commission approval and support as we embark on this historical project.



Katherine Love, Regent
Good Wife's River Chapter, NSDAR
Attachments



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*packet given to
Linda O'Leary for
1. Jayme
2. Jeremy
3. Mr. Gentel*

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MONUMENTS and CEREMONIES COMMISSION

December 15, 2014

Dear Board of Selectmen of the Town of Darien:

As Secretary of Darien's Monuments and Ceremonies Commission, I was asked to inform you of the proceedings of our December 9, 2014 meeting when our Commission unanimously approved the proposal put forth by Katherine Love, Regent of Darien's Good Wife's River Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Katherine proposed a new boulder and plaque be placed in the front of the Darien Town Hall in Veterans' Circle. This new monument would be similar to the monuments already placed in the Veterans' Circle and would honor the Revolutionary Patriots who helped the cause of American Independence during the Revolutionary War.

I have quoted the minutes from our M&C Commission meeting below:

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Please notify the other town departments or let me know and I will send them a copy of this letter. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Attached is the proposal and possible wording. Our Commission would be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding this proposal. We will notify you if the grant is received.

Very truly yours,

Karen Kreitzberger Polett
Secretary, Darien's Monuments and Ceremonies Commission

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GOOD WIFE'S RIVER CHAPTER AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEMORIAL



IN MEMORY OF THE PATRIOTS OF MIDDLESEX PARISH,
NOW DARIEN, WHO SUFFERED, FOUGHT AND DIED
DURING THE WAR FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
1775-1783.

ERECTED THIS DAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 - CONSTITUTION WEEK
BY THE GOOD WIFE'S RIVER CHAPTER, DAR,
DURING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.



