

**Minutes of the October 8, 2013
Monuments and Ceremonies Commission**

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The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM in room 206 by Chairman, Phil Kraft. Present were the following Commissioners: Terry Gaffney, Karen Polett, Charles Scribner, John Geoghegan, Dawn Crouch, Sueann Schorr, Rollie Holub, Dave Polett, Ian Konecke, and Marian Castell. Minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting were approved as read on a motion by John, second Dave.

Plans for the Veterans' Day ceremony to be held at the Town Hall Veterans' Circle at 11:00 AM on November 11, were finalized. Phil will send the script to Karen so she can obtain appropriate floral tributes. Commissioners are asked to attend and participate in assigned readings to be distributed that day.

Terry will forward the info on the prospective 2014 Memorial Day Grand Marshal, Walter R. McCurdy to Sara Franzese for consideration by her Parade Committee. Sara will be invited to our January 2014 meeting. Terry also reported that he has not yet heard from the schools about the 2014 Memorial Day Essays. He will pursue this.

Scout Katie Schorr presented the revised Monuments Inventory website prepared by her and two other Scouts, Lorena De Caprio and Isabel Sutherland. Several corrections were offered regarding monuments' names, placement etc. This is an ongoing project for the Scouts. The Commission thanked Katie for their efforts. Marian asked about a separate category on the website for monuments like the Kensett Stone, which is on private property. This was discussed and tabled for future consideration.

Questions about the current League of Women Voters display in the lobby case were asked since our Commission did not receive any application from this group. Dave offered to find out where the application was and what others might be in the Town Hall office.

Also mentioned was the inventory of memorial plaques and sculpture at the old DHS prior to its demolition. Our Commission does not have a list of the works and Dave offered to contact Bill Flanagan, a member of the Commission when the inventory was done. The school administration will also be contacted.

Marian volunteered to contact the Beautification Commission to find out if they have a fee for Adopt A Spot. Concerns about the maintenance of the Tokeneke Bridge Plaque area were mentioned and Dave volunteered to ask Jayme about this.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM on motion by John, second Rollie. Next meeting will be at 3:30 PM on 11/12/13.

Submitted by,

Karen Kreitzberger Polett, Secretary