

TOWN of DARIEN
MONUMENTS & CEREMONIES COMMISSION
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Monuments and Ceremonies Commission

Meeting Minutes April 13, 2010

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Chairman, Phil Kraft called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM with Commissioners Marian Castell, Ken Reiss, Bob Riith, Charles Scribner, David Polett, Karen Polett, and George Walsh present. Police Officers Anderson, Isaac, and Pavia were also present.

Minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting were accepted as read on a motion by Walsh, second Scribner. Phil mentioned that George Brookner is not a Darien resident and therefore would not be eligible to join our Commission.

Police officers presented new renderings of the Veteran's Monument in the Veteran's Cemetery and said that so far only \$1500. has been collected of the necessary \$8,000. total estimated to complete this project. The Police gave a \$500. donation and two Commission members also donated. About \$2200. is needed to begin renovations. Hopefully, this can be completed by Memorial Day 2010. Marian suggested a brochure or some sort of visual be made available to the public so that people can see the finished product. Commissioners and police officers agreed that additional publicity is needed. Suggestions were made about speaking to the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, and Senior Mens groups at the DCA.

Memorial Day Parade :

1. The Parade will have four divisions this year. Phil passed out the line of march for the Memorial Day Parade.
2. Parade invitations will be mailed Thursday, April 15, and colored placards for participating cars will be included in this invitation packet.
3. Bob is working on insurance and permissions required for the Parade.
4. Karen will again contact Springdale Florist for a wreath. An additional wreath will be needed when the Darien Boat Club holds their Memorial service for those who died at sea. Once the date for this service is decided upon, our Commission will provide a wreath and the VFW Color Guard. The police stand ready to provide a Color Guard for this ceremony if necessary.
6. At 11:00 A.M. on Monday, May 10, Karen, Bob, Phil, Dave, Ken and Marian will meet with a police officer at the flagpole at the Goodwives Shopping Center to discuss the traffic situation for the Memorial Day Parade.
7. The Darien Police canine unit will march in the Parade this year. Officer Pavia noted that both pedestrians and vehicles will go straight on the Post Road this year. Hecker Avenue will be blocked off.
8. It was determined on a motion by Bob Riith, second by Karen Polett that the Coloring Contest would be suspended this year. Karen will inform Josh Fisher at the Darien Times newspaper.
9. Michelle DeSoiza will be the Speaker and Walter Ericsson will be the Grand Marshal.
10. Phil mentioned that the Reviewing Stand is ready for the Parade.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Other Business:

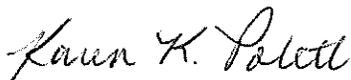
Phil reminded members that we approved an expenditure of \$1250. in 2008 to be spent on repair and replacement of the flagpole at the former Town Hall now the Senior Housing at 719 Post Road. He will contact Kathryn Molgano of the Housing Authority of the Town of Darien about this.

It was also noted that the Town Hall Veteran's circle needs to have the grass cut and weeding done. Discussion followed about replacing the white Town of Darien flag that flies at Town Hall. Chick offered to investigate the price and company that makes these flags. He will also check our flag inventory. On a motion by D.Polett, second Bob Riith Chick was authorized to order a new Darien town flag if one is not found in storage downstairs. Chick reported and checked again that our Commission's storage room is in disarray and is now used by various town groups. Phil and Chick will arrange a meeting about this room with First Selectman, David Campbell.

Chick mentioned that Leader Debbie Parnon and Cub Scout Pack 161 removed all the wreaths that were placed in the Veterans' Cemetery in December. Commission members want to officially thank these Scouts in the Memorial Day program and at the service following the Parade.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM on a motion by Ken Reiss, second George Walsh. Next meeting will be held on May 11, 2010 at 3:30 PM.

Submitted by,



Karen K. Polett

Secretary