



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

Monuments and Ceremonies Commission  
Minutes of January 13, 2009 Meeting

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Chairman, Phil Kraft called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM with Commissioners: Castell, Carabillo, Polett, Polett, Scribner, and Walsh present. It was noted by Phil Kraft that David Polett has not yet been vetted by the Republicans. John Geoghegan handles this and will be notified by the Secretary. The minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting were accepted as read on a motion by Walsh, second Scribner.

**New Business:** Phil mentioned that he had received an application for use of the Town Hall display case from the Darien School Arts Department for space on April 15 to May 15. This means that as per our prior agreement, the American Red Cross will end their April display two weeks early to accommodate this Arts display. The Red Cross had applied for a three month period and currently has an excellent display in the case.

Dave Polett passed around photos he'd taken of the Veteran's Day ceremony at the Town Hall Veteran's Memorial Circle and also photos of Darien's participation in the Wreaths Across America project. Questions arose about where to archive these photos. Chick mentioned that our Commission had a file cabinet in the basement room at the Town Hall. No decision was reached on the placement of these photos.

Dave reported on the WWII Veteran's Service Award given by the Connecticut Secretary of State. It was determined that requests for veteran's names and proof of service will be placed in both Darien papers at intervals in the hopes of obtaining names of current Darien residents who served in WWII. Chick also offered to include a request for WWII Veterans in the Senior Men's Newsletter. Also mentioned was including the request for WWII veterans in this year's Memorial Day Parade invitations. Phil offered his toll free number 800-521-0198 and also the VFW P.O. Box 2172 for contacts. Checking Assessor's lists for people who applied for Veteran's discounts was also mentioned as a method of locating and identifying veteran residents of Darien. Phil said that First Selectwoman, Evonne Klein is on board with this and that the ceremony could be done outdoors in late summer at the VFW.

Karen Polett offered to speak to Phil Morehouse about the Memorial Day Coloring Contest to be certain that the children did receive their savings bonds. Karen will also speak to Josh at the Darien Times to be certain he wants to continue with the Memorial Day Coloring Contest. Karen noted that the Times' coverage of Veteran's Day, Wreaths Across America and other patriotic events was minimal lately.

Michael Doyle was unanimously selected as the Grand Marshall for the 2009 Memorial Day Parade in Darien. He is a veteran and has tirelessly given wreaths, donated his time and floral tributes for veterans for many years. A bio is needed from Mr. Doyle so that we are prepared to send publicity to the local newspapers early this year. Marian noted

that due dates have changed for including articles in the papers. It is now Thursday which is a week in advance.

Phil will attempt to contact Quest to see whether they are available for this year's Parade. Their price is escalating. Phil also wants to revise the Parade invitations this year. He will email newly formatted invitations to us soon. He suggested that more music would be appropriate and that we should encourage groups to play patriotic marching music using a recording, if possible.

We need to select a Memorial Day Speaker at our February meeting.

Chick is ordering 100 new 12x18 inch flags from Flying High.

George had a copy of Evonne Klein's speech to the Senior Men and said that it will be televised soon on the Darien public service television station. He said the speech was excellent.

**Old Business:** Marion offered to talk to Public Works about the condition of the grass around the Veteran's Memorial Circle in front of the Darien Town Hall. Commission members wondered whether this lawn area had been over fertilized. It was brown and unsightly. It may need to be re-seeded in the spring.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM on a motion by Carabillo, second Walsh. The next Monuments Commission meeting will be held at 3:30 PM on Tuesday, February 10.

Submitted by,



Karen Polett  
Secretary

Monday, January 19, 2009 9:54 AM

**FW: monuments & ceremonies**

From: "Phil Kraft" <philkraft@optonline.net>  
To: "Dave & Karen Polett" <harley87dp@yahoo.com>

----- Forwarded Message

From: "Rajczewski, Donna" <[DRajczewski@Madisonville.com](mailto:DRajczewski@Madisonville.com)>  
Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2009 15:23:51 -0500  
To: Phil Kraft <[philkraft@optonline.net](mailto:philkraft@optonline.net)>  
Conversation: monuments & ceremonies  
Subject: RE: monuments & ceremonies

Thanks, Phil, we'll process your calendar.

-----Original Message-----

From: Phil Kraft [mailto:[philkraft@optonline.net](mailto:philkraft@optonline.net)]  
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 3:14 PM  
To: Rajczewski, Donna  
Subject: monuments & ceremonies

Please accept this list of scheduled meetings for the Monuments and Ceremonies Commission for 2009. Here is the accepted list as recommended by Jeanne Foulds at Parks & Rec:

Tuesdays from 3:30-5pm

- \* Jan 13; rm 206
- \* Feb 10; rm 206
- \* mar 10; rm 206
- \* apr 14, rm 206
- \* May 12; rm 206
- \* Jun 9; rm 206
- \* July 14; no meeting
- \* Aug 11; no meeting
- \* Sept 8; rm 206
- \* Oct 13; rm 206
- \* Nov 10; Auditorium
- \* Dec 8; rm 206

Thanks,  
Phil Kraft

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