

## **September 13, 2016 Minutes of Monuments and Ceremonies Commission Meeting**

*Commissioners present: Terry Gaffney, Phil Kraft, Karen Polett, George Walsh, Rebecca Siciliano, Sueanne Schorr, and Dave Polett.*

*Meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Chairman, Phil Kraft. Minutes of the June 14, meeting were accepted as read on a motion by Dave Polett, second Phil Kraft.*

*Discussion of the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony was very positive. Participation was better than in previous years. First responders, towns residents and politicians all joined in commemorating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.*

*Boy Scouts have applied for the display case for the month of October. Chick Scribner will get their application to Karen. Current display is of the DAR's celebration of Constitution Week.*

*Flags were replaced by Dave and Phil on the Route 95 overpasses, on the Kings Highway overpass and at the Kiwanis monument near the train station. On a motion by Dave, second Terry, Phil was empowered to inventory and then order more flags to replenish our depleted M&C supply.*

*Terry suggested that a comprehensive list of Darien town monuments be compiled to include a photo, inscription and description, location, measurements, condition, ownership, responsibility, date and to whom dedicated etc. for each. Terry has begun this arduous task and is including murals, artwork and monuments on public, and private property. When complete, this list could be added to the Town of Darien website. Commissioners agreed that additional volunteers would be needed to accomplish this enormous task. Terry will prepare a "sample" list of four completed monument descriptions for our October meeting. Perhaps, the Darien Times could solicit awareness and develop interest in these monuments by publishing one a month in our local newspaper. First Selectman, Jayme Stevenson will be invited to our Tuesday, November 8, M&C Meeting so she is aware of and supportive of our charge, purpose and responsibility.*

*On a motion by Karen Polett, second Terry Gaffney, a sub-committee of the M&C Commission was established to be responsible for reporting to us on the condition of the cemeteries within the town of Darien. Sharon Kells was approved as the Chairman of this Committee. She will select her committee members based on their interest, ability, and availability.*

*Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM on a motion by George Walsh, second Rebecca Siciliano. Next meeting will be held at 3:30 PM on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in Room 206.*

*Submitted by:*

*Karen Kreitzberger Polett Secretary,*