



**Town of Darien Monuments and Ceremonies Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 10, 2023**

Chairman Sueann Schorr called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM. Roll call: James Demark, Isabel Nobre, Terry Wood, and James Long. Terry Gaffney was present as a guest.

- 1) **Minutes:** The December Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.
- 2) **Commission Staffing:** Terry Wood has joined the M&C Commission. However, there will still be one unfilled position on the Commission which needs to be a Democrat, Independent or Unaffiliated.
- 3) **Chairman's Report:** There was no new activity of the Commission since the December meeting. There was a discussion about Wreaths Across America. That organization has no relationship with the M&C Commission or the Town of Darien. There is complete separation of any and all costs or funding of that private organization and the Town and the Commission.
- 4) **Display Case In Town Hall:** The case is now empty. The Display Case Committee is responsible for developing displays about the Veteran's Street Sign Program to be installed prior to Memorial Day
- 5) **Veteran's Street Sign Program:** There are multiple applications for this program. Terry Gaffney is responsible for calling a meeting in the next month to review and select a qualified candidate. A candidate must have served in any position or capacity in the military during a wartime period and also provided a service to the Town of Darien.
- 6) **Cemetery Committee:** The Committee is still working on the determination of an easement for access to Weed Cemetery and on a head stone relocation from a Milford cemetery.

7) July 4th Ceremony : July 4th 2023 there will be an event celebrating Independence Day. Terry Wood and Jamie Stevenson will plan and execute the event.

8) Memorial Day Parade: Terry Gaffney will again lead the organization of this event. However, he needs a person to work with him and take over the responsibility in future years. The primary requirement for that person is the ability to organize information and contact the various organizations in the parade. Chairman Schorr reviewed the preparation for the parade. The focus is selecting a Grand Marshall and Speaker. The Grand Marshall must be a veteran, but that person does not have to be a resident of Darien. War time service would be preferred but not a requirement. The Speaker should have a strong public speaking capability and need not be a veteran. It is preferred that this person not be a politician.

9) Close of Business: Being no new business, a motion and a second was put forth and approved to close the meeting at 4:10.