



**Town of Darien Monuments and Ceremonies Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 14, 2023**

Tuesday Chairman Sueann Schorr called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Roll call: Autumn Howard, Nancy Natale, Isabel Negron, and James Long. Terry Gaffney was present as a guest.

- 1) **Minutes:** The January Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.
- 2) **Commission Staffing:** There is still be one opening which needs to be filled a Democrat, Independent or unaffiliated person.
- 3) **Chairman's Report:** Rob Hulick has submitted the budget for M&C and requested additional funding for the cemetery upkeep. The response should occur after the Town Budget is approved. Mr Huick is also preparing the Annual Report that is due February 24th.
- 4) **Display Case:** The Darien Public School Art Department will be using the case in April under the direction of Jaclyn Sammis, Department Head. The M&C Commission will take the case for Memorial Day, September 1-17th for Constitution celebration and November 1 -12th for Veterans' Day.
- 5) **Cemetery Committee:** Rob Hulick has found out that Emma Bingham is the identity of the child separated from her parents at death in 1863. Her parents are buried in Bridgeport. Legal review will be necessary to determine where the head stone can be placed. It has been repaired. A second Cemetery issue is that the sign at the Weed site has been broken and needs to be replaced.
- 6) **Memorial Day Parade:** terry Gaffney has started the work required for the parade. He needs to have another person work with him to take over the process next year. This person does not have be on the Commission nor a resident of Darien.

7) **July 4Th Celebration:** Terrie Wood and J. Stevenson are developing program for this event.

8) **New Business:** Being no new business a motion was made and passed to close the meeting at 4:11.

9) **Close of Business:** Being no new business, a motion and a second was put forth and approved to close the meeting at 4:11.