

Meeting of Monuments and Ceremonies Commission

September 12, 2023

Darien Town Hall, Room 206

In attendance: Sueann Schorr, Nanci Natale, Isabel Negron, Terrie Wood, James Demark, Susan Shannon, Autumn Howard

The meeting began at 3:33 p.m.

- The June minutes were not available to be voted on.
- The commission enthusiastically welcomed the new commissioners, Emily Koch and Susan Shannon. The commission is so happy to have your input and expertise.
- **The Declaration Day Ceremony** was a success. Terrie Wood was a commission organizer and was very pleased. The loved ones of ROTC program participants were so happy to be involved and included. Terrie Wood recommends a flag behind the podium next year. Participants practicing with the microphone 15 minutes before the program is another way Terrie Wood would enhance next year's Ceremony. All around, it was a beautiful celebration of our Declaration of Independence.
- The **September 11th Memorial Service** was a heartfelt tribute to those the country lost, thanks in no small part to the inspiring words of Nanci Natale. The commission suggested Nanci Natale submit her speech to the Stamford Advocate or the Darien Times. Sueann Schorr read aloud the kind words she received from an RTM member, Sarah Newman, recognizing the commission and celebrating their hard work and achievements.
- Saturday, November 11th is **Veteran's Day**.
- The **Cemetery Committee** took a tree down at Weed Cemetery, and Jim Demark will get an estimate from Mario tomorrow about cleaning up Weed Cemetery.
- The **War-Time Veteran Street Sign Program** folder has been passed to Susan Shannon. She is eager to dig into the submissions.

- **The Display Case** is beautifully decorated by the DAR this month, and Constitution Week is September 17th. October is not reserved.
- **Wreaths Across America** is an interest for the committee, but we have not been able to contact them thus far.
- **New Business** – Cataloguing the artwork and murals in the town hall is still in the works, but the project date is now TBC. The commission was honored to welcome Diane Connologue. Monuments & Ceremonies is one of the groups she has been assigned to by the RTM. She is always welcome to brighten our meetings with her sunny presence. Thank you for your interest.
- Nanci Natale called for adjournment, and all seconded it in the room at 4:15.

Thank you all for your hard work and those who could attend.

The next meeting of The Monuments & Ceremonies Commission is scheduled for the 10th of October 2023 at 3:30, Darien Town Hall, Room 206