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MONUMENTS & CEREMONIES COMMISSION
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Minutes of Monuments and Ceremonies Commission Meeting, November 13, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Chairman, Phil Kraft with the following Commissioners attending: Marian Castell, Roland Holub, John Geoghegan, Sueann Schorr, David Polett, Karen Polett, Ken Reiss, Charles Scribner and recently appointed member, Dawn Crouch. Minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Roland Holub, second, John Geoghegan. Newly appointed member, Dawn Crouch was introduced and warmly welcomed.

1. Tokeneke Bridge 1912 Plaque re-dedication ceremony, held at 12:30 on November 2, 2012 near the Tokeneke Bridge went well and Lisa Grant, Chairman of the Roton Point Historical Society and a member of the Norwalk Historical Society prepared a collage of bridge photos and researched the men listed on the plaque. John Gault, Director of the Darien Historical Society attended as did several neighbors, Darien Monuments and Ceremonies Commission members and a reporter from The Darien Times. Jordan Grant's business, Minuteman Landscaping donated mums and shrubs, which enhance the plaque area. He is interested in "adopting the spot." Marian suggested he contact the Beautification Commission in Darien for sign size and other regulations.
2. Phil Kraft reported that he attended an impressive Veteran's Day ceremony at Ox Ridge School on Monday, November 12, when a Veterans' Memorial Garden was dedicated. This Garden was the idea of Michael Cassidy, who did it as part of his Eagle Scout project. Michael obtained approvals and funding from local businesses and individuals. Dave Polett noted that The Hour newspaper reported that veterans were mentioned in all local Norwalk churches. Next year, our Commission will hold a Town ceremony.
3. Charles Scribner reported that Darien Domestic Abuse Partnership did not put forth the anticipated application for use of the Town Hall display case. However, Jeanne Kaye has applied to use the display case for the Darien High School Student Art Project for March 11- April 11, 2013. Application approved on a motion by Ken Reiss, second John Geoghegan.

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4. Sueann Schorr reported that her daughter's Monument Inventory is progressing and she will get together with Karen on this in the future. More information will be gathered for this Girl Scout project.

5. The majority of members of the Monuments and Ceremonies Commission await appointment and in some cases reappointment of existing members prior to November 30, 2012 when all but 3 current member's terms expire. Some Commissioners assumed that they were no longer wanted as members. Chairman Phil Kraft's term is also expiring and he suggested that the RTC and DTC be contacted ASAP.

6. We need to begin to think about a Speaker for the Memorial Day Parade since the cemetery ceremony is still part of our Commission's responsibility.

7. Phil Kraft mentioned that due to the storm, the flag at the Old Town Hall Housing is shredded, is wrapped around the eagle at the top of the flagpole, and needs to be replaced using a bucket truck. He also noted that there is rust on the base of this flagpole. This was checked out by Roland Holub and Dave Polett after the October meeting. Dave Polett will call Chief Lovello, who has a contact at Fairfield Monuments, to see what the cost would be to repair and remediate the flagpole base.

8. Phil reported that work continues around the bottom pad of the existing monument in the Spring Grove Veteran's Cemetery.

9. Wreaths Across America sponsorships are going well and the public is encouraged to attend the ceremony at noon on Saturday, December 15, 2012. Karen will find out about asking DHS football players to help with the wreath boxes again this year.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Ken Reiss, second Charles Scribner. Next meeting will be held at 3:30 PM on December 11, in Room 206 at the Darien Town Hall.

Submitted by,


Karen Kreitzberger Polett

Secretary

From: Phil Kraft, Chairman Monuments and Ceremonies Commission

Monuments and Ceremonies Commission Meeting Times for 2013

Please reserve Room 206 in the Darien Town Hall on the following dates and times for Monuments and Ceremonies Commission Meetings for 2013.

Unless otherwise listed, we meet at 3:30 PM on the second Tuesday of the month. We do not meet in July and August.
Thank you,

Request submitted: November 22, 2012

Karen Kreitzberger Polett, Secretary

3:30 PM on January 8, 2013

3:30 PM on February 12, 2013

3:30 PM on March 12, 2013

3:30 PM on April 9, 2013

3:30 PM on May 14, 2013

3:30 PM on June 11, 2013

No Meetings in July and August

3:30 PM on September 10, 2013

3:30 PM on October 8, 2013

3:30 PM on November 12, 2013

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