



TOWN of DARIEN
MONUMENTS & CEREMONIES COMMISSION
Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820

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Monuments and Ceremonies Commission

Minutes of the May 12, 2010 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Phil Kraft at 1530 hrs with the following commission members present: Edward Carabillo, Marian Castell, Charles Scribner, David Polett, George Walsh, and Ken Reiss.

Minutes of the April 13, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted with one minor correction (**Boy** Scout changed to **Cub** Scout in final paragraph) on a motion by Charles Scribner, seconded by David Polett.

Kathy Molgano of the Housing Authority stopped by briefly and the following was determined based on conversations with her. The flagpole at the Old Town Hall Senior Housing will be rehabilitated by the **Sign Maintenance Service Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut**. The cost will be \$1550.00. We had previously agreed to this repair. The Housing Authority had already paid the company \$700.00 for this repair so our portion of the bill will be \$850.00. In fact the company had started work today, May 12, 2010, and expected to move quickly on the repairs necessary to return this flagpole to use.

Phil reported on the meeting with the Darien Police at Goodwives Shopping Center on May 10, 2010 at 1100 hrs. Commission members Karen Polett, David Polett, Ken Reiss, and Phil Kraft met with Darien Police Department Officers Pavia, Osborne, Isaac and Wynn to go over the plans for Memorial Day Parade staging in the shopping center parking lot. Procedures were discussed to ensure the smooth operation of the staging and lineup of the participants in the parade. No desk will be set up at the entrance and the Commission members will be stopping the vehicles at cones placed in front of the Stop and Shop to direct them to their proper place in the line-of-march. One lane of traffic will proceed around the parking area

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

toward the Stop and Shop checkpoint. A left turn at the entrance will be permitted for all drop-off traffic and those who are exiting the area.

Rules were reviewed and the stipulations against all promotional or political banners or handouts were reinforced. There will be no distributing of anything except for the small American flags to be handed out by the Cub Scouts.

Phil distributed a new, current listing of the parade participants and their positions in each division as well as an updated map showing all four divisions. This will be updated once more before we fill envelopes and mail this information to each group in the parade. The mailing will be done on May 13th after commission members come to the NVSF offices to assist in this endeavor.

To date we have not been informed of the timing of the planned ceremonies by the Darien Boat Club, for honoring those lost at sea. Biographies of the speaker and Grand Marshal will also be forthcoming and published as soon as they are received. Reverends Gibson and Carling, respectively, will perform the Benediction and Invocation, for our ceremony.

Charles Scribner mentioned that the flag placement on the veteran's graves will take place on Wednesday, May 26, 2010. Chairs and generator have been requested from the Fire Department as per usual. Sue Swiatek stopped by and Phil confirmed, verbally, the request for the speakers stand at Spring Grove, and the reviewing stand for the Post Road. Phil will follow up with a written request. Commissioners will meet on Memorial Day, at Spring Grove Cemetery at 0700 hrs, to place the bunting on the speakers stand, and ready the cemetery for the ceremony. Bob Riith had notified Phil Kraft that all necessary permissions and insurance documents had been obtained.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ken Reiss, seconded by Charles Scribner at 1612 hrs.

Submitted by

David E. Polett

Kim:

That's great—find a bunch of rich folks with a patriotic streak, and we're good to go! Seriously, the times are a little tight for everyone, so the project will just take a little longer. We'll get it done, though. And we will definitely stay in touch.

Phil Kraft

On 5/26/10 10:17 AM, "Kimberly Farrington" <kim.farrington@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Phil,

Oh, I am sorry that you didn't make the projected money by the deadline. But, my husband mentioned this project to his brother this past weekend and we showed him the articles that I had found online. My brother-in-law, Hal is recently retired from the VA, having served as the CT's VA Benefits Coordinator for well over a decade. Anyway, since retiring, he is now serving on several Veteran related committees and he thought he knew of someone who might be interested in donating to this type of project. So, I will pass this information along to him and see what he can do.

And, maybe when the dedication happens, we can get more of the Lang family to attend. Unfortunately, all of Karl Lang's children are deceased, so it the some of the grandchildren are still around CT.

Thanks for the quick response and we look forward to hearing from you again soon,

Kim Farrington

On Mon, May 24, 2010 at 10:45 AM, Darien VFW <darienvfw@optonline.net> wrote:

Dear Kim:

The plan was based on whether or not we were able to get the restoration project completed. At this time, we are about \$5000 short of our fundraising goal, so the target date of Memorial Day 2010 is going to be pushed back. If you know of anyone who would like to help finance the project, we might be able to dedicate it sooner.

I would very much like to keep in touch with you, because having the family of the sculptor in attendance would really make a difference.

Phil Kraft
Post Commander Darien VFW,
Chairman, Monuments & Ceremonies Commission
(203)656-0003

On 5/22/10 12:22 PM, "Kimberly Farrington" <kim.farrington@gmail.com> wrote:

My husband's maternal grandfather was Karl Lang, the sculptor of the Veteran's Memorial Flagpole. We were in Darien last September visiting the Historical Society and they gave us directions to the Cemetery and so we were able to visit it. My husband recalls be there as a very small child in the early 1960s. Earlier this year another member of the family, Ken Memoli mentioned that there was going to be a re-dedication of the statue this Memorial Day. But, he didn't have any details at the time.

My husband and I were wondering if the re-dedication will be taking place this Memorial Day, May 31, 2010 and at what time, since we would like to try and attend if at all possible.

Many thanks, Kim Farrington



FW: Fire house order

Friday, May 28, 2010 4:02 PM

From: "Phil Kraft" <philkraft@optonline.net>

To: "Ken Reiss" <kenreiss@optonline.net>, "Dave & Karen Polett" <harley87dp@yahoo.com>, "Chick Scribner" <scribner.mc@sbcglobal.net>

The fire departments met and made a correction in the order of the departments. They messed up last year, and in order to fix it, they made this change. All 3 departments meet at the Firefighters monument for a quick prayer and then will proceed, in order, to the Muster area.

Here it is:

----- Forwarded Message

From: NHFD <NHFD@darienct.gov>

Date: Tue, 25 May 2010 20:27:09 -0400

To: "philkraft@optonline.net" <philkraft@optonline.net>

Conversation: Fire house order

Subject: Fire house order

Phil the order for the fires house is

2010

Noroton Heights

Darien

Noroton

2011

Noroton

Noroton Heights

Darien

Thanks

Lt Shaun Volin

----- End of Forwarded Message

Division 1

2. D.P.D.&Color Grd
3. Gr Marshal+Vehicle
4. Speaker
5. 9-11 Truck (Noujaim)
6. First Selectman
7. Town & State Officials
8. Pledge Leader (Police veh.)
9. D.H.S. Band
10. VFW Color Grd
11. VFW + Veterans
12. Vehicles (DiMattio)
13. Marine Corps League
14. Purple Heart
15. CT Patriot Guard

Division 2

2. CT National Guard
3. Post 53
4. Red Cross
5. Kiwanis
6. Depot
7. Chamber of Commerce
8. Arts Council
9. Senior Men's Assn
- 10 Vehicles(Battinelli)
11. PIVOT
12. Community Fund
13. Vehicle (Williams)
14. Noroton Hgts Fire Dept.

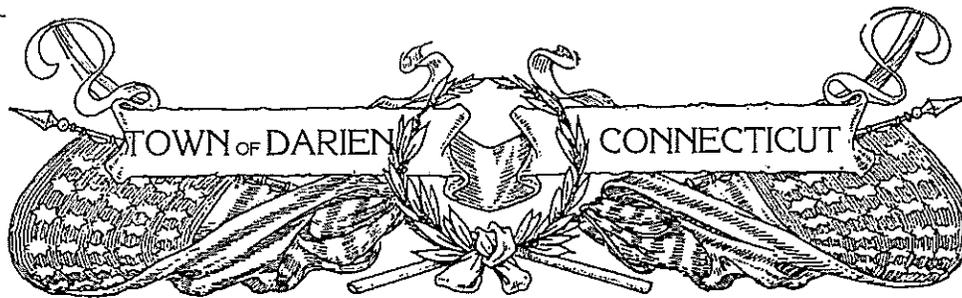
Division 3

- 2 & 3. BSA Troop 35 & 53
4. Cubs Pack 55
5. Cubs Pack 56
6. Cubs Pack 161
7. Girl Scouts
8. "The Shac"
9. Green Team
11. Person-to-Person
12. Senior Center
13. Gallivant
14. D.A.R.
15. Masonic Lodge
16. Calvary Baptist
17. Darien FD
18. Darien FD Auxiliary

Division 4

2. YMCA Color Guard
3. Guides/Princesses
- 3a. YMCA Gymnastics
4. Lions Club
5. Nature Center
6. Historical Society
7. Vehicle (Campbell)
8. Global Girls UNITE
8. Pender-Keady Irish
9. D.C.A
9. Vehicle (Koontz)
10. St. John's Youth
11. Book Aid
12. Sail & Power Squadron
- 13 & 14 Noroton FD & Aux

Let us always keep
in our thoughts and
prayers all who
currently serve our
Nation at home and
overseas.



Memorial Day Ceremonies • Monday, May 31, 2010

Walter E. Ericsson, US Army Air Corps • Parade Grand Marshal
at the State of Connecticut Veterans' Cemetery, Hecker Avenue and the Post Road

- Prayer of Invocation:** *Rev. Dr. Paul J. Carling, Associate Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church*
- Introductions:** *Phillip Kraft, Monuments and Ceremonies Commission*
- Pledge of Allegiance:** *Holmes School Students Maren Hersam, Katie Huffert, and Jana Powers*
- Names of Darien Men Killed in Wars:** *David M. Campbell, First Selectman*
(Three rings of the bell reflects respect and honor to those who gave their lives to their duty.)
- General Logan's Order No. 11, Grand Army of the Republic:** . . . *Life Scout David Morgan, Troop 53*
- National Anthem:** *Darien High School Tudor Singers*
- Lincoln's Gettysburg Address:** *Girl Scout Nicole Gutierrez, Troop 50799*
- God Bless America:** *Tudor Singers*
- Speaker:** *Michelle DeSoiza, Senior, Darien High School*
- Presentation of Memorial Wreaths:** *Grand Marshal Walter E. Ericsson,
Michelle DeSoiza, and First Selectman Campbell*
- Firing Squad:** *Darien VFW Honor Guard*
- Taps:** *Kristen Carey, Darien High School Band*
- Prayer of Benediction:** *Rev. Dr. Anthony Gibson, Calvary Baptist Church*

Flyover

CT Army National Guard Joint Operations

Special Thanks To:

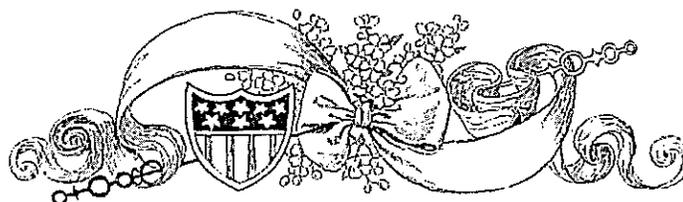
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
NOROTON HEIGHTS FIRE DEPT.
DARIEN POLICE DEPT.
SPRINGDALE FLORIST

HONOR GUARDS:

at REVIEWING STAND	at SPEAKER'S PLATFORM
Life Scout Jonas Von Schmidt, Troop 35	Life Scout Nicholas P. Cohen, Troop 35

TROOPS 35 & 53, BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA
GIRL SCOUTS of AMERICA
MILLER AUTOMOBILE CORP.
SPRING GROVE CEMETERY
GOODWIVES CENTER LTD.
NOROTON FIRE DEPT.
CHRISTOPHER ANDRADE
CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD JOINT OPERATIONS
NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICES FUND, INC.

And to all the others who helped make this Memorial Day Observance possible.



SIGN MAINTENANCE SERVICE CO.

Proposal

24 WALLACE ST., P.O. BOX 508, BRIDGEPORT, CT 06601 (203) 336-1051
 The company that does more than is necessary... and keeps on doing it!

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO DARIEN HOUSING AUTHORITY	PHONE 203-655-0866	DATE APRIL 27, 10
STREET 2 RENSCHAW ROAD	JOB NAME SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX	
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE DARIEN, CT	JOB LOCATION 719 POST RD., DARIEN, CT	
ATTENTION: ATTN: KATHRYN MOIGANO	PHONE FAX# 203-656-1078	SKETCH#

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

PRICE QUOTE TO RE-FURBISH EXISTING STEEL FLAGPOLE.

GRIND RUST SPOTS, PRIME AND FINISH COAT.

FINISH: SILVER

FURNISH & INSTALL: NEW TRUCK ASSEMBLY
 NEW NYLON HALYARD
 TWO SNAP CLIPS
 REPLACEMENT EAGLE

\$ 1,550.00

\$ 700.00 DEPOSIT

TAX EXEMPT

COMPLETION BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY, 2010

Post-it® Fax Note	7671	Date	4-27-10	# of pages	1
To	KATHRYN	From	DUKE		
Co./Dept.		Co.			
Phone #		Phone #	203-336-1051		
Fax #	203-656-1078	Fax #	203-367-5601		

APPROVED BY Kym
 DATE 5/3/10
 CHECK NO. 3250
 ACCT NO. 2830.4

We propose hereby to furnish material and labor — complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of:
FIFTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY 00/00

dollars (\$ 1,550.00)

Payment to be made as follows:

DEPOSIT: REQUIRED W/ORDER \$ 700.00 BALANCE NET 10

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will be made at an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Authorized Signature: DUKE MORANO
 Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 30 days.

Acceptance of Proposal — The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Date of Acceptance: 5/4/10

Signature: Kathryn Moigano
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN
DARIEN TOWN HALL ~ 2 RENSHAW ROAD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT 06820



Tel: (203) 655-0866

Fax: (203) 656-1078

Kathryn Y. Molgano
Executive Director
darienhousingkm@yahoo.com

May 4, 2010

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Sign Maintenance Service Company
24 Wallace Street
P.O. Box 508
Bridgeport, CT 06601

Attention: Duke Morano

Dear Mr. Morano:

Enclosed please find our signed Acceptance of Proposal and our deposit in the amount of \$700 for the repair of the flagpole at 719 Post Road, Darien, CT. You indicated that the repair will be completed before the weekend of May 29, 2010 (Memorial Day) and will call us next week to let us know on what day you'll be coming.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Y. Molgano
Executive Director

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Re: Monument at 719 Post Road

Thursday, April 8, 2010 12:25 PM

From: "Kathryn Molgano" <darienhousingkm@yahoo.com>

To: "Phil Kraft" <philkraft@optonline.net>

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Flagpole ...

Hi Phil,

Seems that we're in the same boat - I also thought that a determination was made, but I never heard back from anyone. The last correspondence that I have in my file is a letter that I wrote to Evonne Klein in August of 2008 (attached).

In the meantime, the condition of the monument has deteriorated further. The halyard was broken during the past storm, and so we can't fly the flag until the repair is done. With Memorial Day fast approaching, I'm hoping that I can determine how to proceed with this.

Thanks for your attention to this.

Kathy Molgano

--- On Thu, 4/8/10, Phil Kraft <philkraft@optonline.net> wrote:

From: Phil Kraft <philkraft@optonline.net>
Subject: Re: Monument at 719 Post Road
To: "Kathryn Molgano" <darienhousingkm@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Karen & Dave Polett" <harley87dp@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2010, 11:19 AM

I know we've discussed this before, and I thought we had an answer last time. I can't seem to find any of my notes. Can you refresh my memory about what we said last time we spoke?

On 4/8/10 11:05 AM, "Kathryn Molgano" <darienhousingkm@yahoo.com> wrote:

Phil,
We've spoken in the past about the monument and flag pole at 719 Post Road, trying to determine who has the authority/responsibility for its repair and maintenance.

Please call me at (203) 655-0866 to discuss. Thank you.

Kathy Molgano
Darien Housing Authority



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Kathryn Y. Molgano
Executive Director
darienhousingkm@yahoo.com

August 11, 2008

Evonne Klein, First Selectman
Town of Darien
2 Renshaw Road
Darien, CT 06820

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Re: Monument at 719 Post Road

Dear Mrs. Klein:

The monument and flagpole in front of Old Town Hall Houses at 719 Post Road honors the servicemen from Darien who lost their lives in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The monument has been in need of repair for several years. The eagle that sits atop of the flagpole has a broken wing, and the flagpole and base have rusted and are in a deteriorated state.

Dating as far back as June, 2001, both the Housing Authority and Monuments and Ceremonies Commission have attempted to determine who bears the responsibility for maintaining the monument. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Philip Morehouse, dated August 2, 2001, which makes reference to specific deed restrictions that were imposed at the time that the property was transferred from the Town of Darien to the Darien Housing Authority and includes reference to the existing monument which pre-dated the property transfer. To date, I have nothing in my files to indicate that a determination was made as to who has the authority and bears the responsibility to repair the monument.

The condition of the monument continues to deteriorate over time and is in urgent need of repair. Your assistance in determining who should undertake this repair and bear the cost will be greatly appreciated. In June of this year, I obtained an estimate of \$1,250 to refurbish the flagpole and replace the eagle, a copy of which is attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Y. Molgano
Executive Director

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cc Phil Kraft, Monuments and Ceremonies Commission