



TOWN of DARIEN
MONUMENTS & CEREMONIES COMMISSION
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Monuments and Ceremonies Commission

Minutes of April 14, 2009 Meeting

Chairman, Phil Kraft called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM with Commissioners Edward Carabillo, Marian Castell, John Geoghagan, David Polett, Karen Polett, Ken Reiss, and Charles Scribner present. The minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting were accepted as read on a motion by D. Polett, second Ed Carabillo. Phil Kraft displayed "Staff" hats which will be distributed to Commissioners to wear on the day of the Parade.

Phil also noted that Jean Improta would like any interested volunteer to call and assist her in continuing her efforts to have the tree in the Spring Grove Veteran's Cemetery cut. It is between two tombstones and Jean is afraid the tree will damage the stones. Any interested volunteers were asked to call Jean at her home in Darien. Karen Polett will call Jean to assure her that this request was mentioned at our meeting.

Ken Reiss displayed a copy of a 1957 accession card from former First Selectman, Kerrigan - donating a "large school bell from the Center School in Darien to the Darien Historical Society." This bell is currently in the Darien Town garage and will be transported to the Historical Society, its rightful owner. On a motion by Reiss, second by Polett, "the Monuments and Ceremonies Commission acknowledged ownership of this bell by the Darien Historical Society." (See attached copy of registration card)

Phil Kraft noted that Parade approvals have been obtained from the Nissan Dealership, and Spring Grove Cemetery Assn. Bob Riith has additional permissions.

John Geoghagan mentioned that he, George Walsh, and Edward Carabillo have been vetted and then approved by the Selectmen for membership on the Monuments Commission until November 30, 2012. Bob Riith, K. Polett and Phil Kraft's commissions expire November 30, 2009.

Commissioner of Veteran's Affairs, Linda Schwartz has been confirmed as our Memorial Day Speaker and Michael Doyle, owner of Springdale Florists and a veteran will be the Parade Grand Marshall. Doyle has donated wreaths to the Darien Memorial Day Parade for over 15 years and is a supporter of many veterans groups. Springdale Florists is again donating two wreaths for the 2009 Darien Memorial Day Parade and Beach Ceremony. The wreaths will be delivered to the Darien Police Station before 9:00 AM on Memorial Day.

Karen displayed several possible coloring contest possibilities and one was selected by the commission. Karen will share this selection with Josh Fisher from the Darien Times newspaper and decide on a time for publication. The Monuments Commission will again donate two savings bonds and the Darien Times will be responsible for another two savings bonds for the winners.

Marian spoke to Tom Conte about maintaining the Veteran's Memorial Circle in front of Town Hall. Everyone agreed that the grass is in need of work.

Police Captain Pavia will attend out next meeting scheduled for May 12, 2009. He will also bring a representative from the Police Color Guard and a motorcycle Policeman.

Ken Reiss, Dave Polett and Phil Kraft will meet at 7 AM on Memorial Day to help place the bunting on the Speaker's Platform in the cemetery. Chick will have the flags placed on the gravesites by the scouts again this year. Four or five chairs will be placed on the Reviewing Stand just in case someone needs to sit; twenty -five chairs will be placed on the Speaker's Platform in the cemetery. An Ox Ridge student will be selected to say The Pledge this year. Next year, it will be Holmes School and then Tokeneke.

On a motion by Ken Reiss, second D. Polett the Veteran's Van (NVSF) will be allowed to participate in the Parade. Karen has not heard back from the owner of the 911 truck about his truck's participation. Chick said a Scout from Troop 35 will give General Logan's Order this year; A Girl Scout will read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and a Girl and Boy Scout are needed to serve as Scout Honor Guards at the cemetery platform.

The Parade will consist of Four Divisions this year. The Tudor Singers will sing the National Anthem, Phil will contact the Darien High School Band Director about obtaining trumpet players to play Taps at the cemetery ceremony. The Podium, sound system, chairs, and bell are obtained from Noroton Heights Fire Department. Grace in the First Selectman's Office has requested the fly-over again this year.

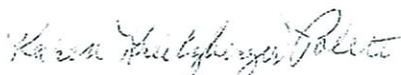
Phil will contact Father McGrath about participating in the cemetery ceremony; Rev. Gibson will be asked to conduct the Beach Ceremony again this year. Phil will put a reminder about the Beach Ceremony in the newspapers and will announce that people are invited to the beach at an interval of 45 minutes from the ending of the cemetery ceremony.

John Geoghegan has a request for use of the Town Hall display case from Gil Rodriguez to display artwork entitled "Darien Remembers Veterans" by Howell Dodd. Commission unanimously approved this request for May 15-June 15, and agreed to postpone the Red Cross display as previously agreed upon. (See attached application form)

To date, Phil Kraft has obtained the names of 68 WWII veterans living in Darien. Discussion about dates for the ceremony to honor and recognize these veterans by the State of Connecticut and Susan Bysiewicz. Dave Polett will find out how much lead time is required for the printing of the certificates and also which of the following dates might be convenient for Susan. Dates selected were: June 20, June 27, or July 11. Phil Kraft will inform Evonne of these dates and plans and will also find out whether the Town Hall gymnasium is available on these dates. The handicap ramp at the gym was considered in selecting that site. Once the definite date is determined, printed invitations to the Veterans will be sent.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 PM on Tuesday, May 12.

Submitted by,



Karen Kreitzberger Polett

Secretary 656-0857

DARTEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Registration card

Acc. # 57.3.3

Source or Donor: Town of Darien, Lt S. Kerrigan

How acquired: donation

When: 1957

Cost:

Value as of 19__:

Description of accession:

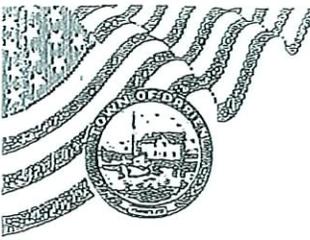
large school bell from tower of Center school.

Darien related? yes

Origin, condition, etc.

above

Location: ^{in 1985} stored in basement of Town Hall
(photo on reverse)



316-4766
John
655-9532
Key

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Application for Use of Town Hall Display Case

Name of Applicant (or group/organization): Gil Rodriguez

Address of Group/Organization: _____

Name of Responsible Person: Gil Rodriguez

Address of Responsible Person: 301 West Avenue
Darien, Ct

Phone (day): 203 918 7593 (evening): 655 4532

Title of Display: Darien Remembers Veterans and D-Day.

Brief Description of Display: honoring the current 68 Darien
residents who fought in World War II; with a display of
original artwork by Howell Dodd, Darien resident, who through
the Associated Press provided the illustrations for the national
newspapers covering D-Day, June 6th, 1944. Dodd was there.

Preferred Length of Display: From: May 15th (?) To: June 15th (2)
(depending on availability)

The Monuments and Ceremonies Commission seeks interesting and informative displays and invites the participation of Darien-based groups, organizations, or individuals. In making the display case available for use by the citizens of Darien, the Monuments and Ceremonies Commission will require that the displays should be of generally historical, educational, artistic, and cultural interest, and not contain items for private profit or advancement of private causes or viewpoints.

Participants will be responsible for installation and removal of their own displays. Installation and removal times must be agreed upon prior to the beginning of each display.

The Commission shall determine what items may be placed in the case, and the location of each. The Monuments and Ceremonies Commission, the Town of Darien, and its departments, boards and agents are not responsible for the loss or damage to any article displayed in the case.



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March 25, 2009

John Geoghegan
14 Harriet Lane
Darien, CT 06820

Dear John Geoghegan:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Selectmen have voted unanimously to reappoint you to the Monuments and Ceremonies Commission for a term beginning on December 01, 2009 and expiring on November 30, 2012.

On behalf of the Board and the community, I would like to express to you our appreciation for your continued willingness to serve.

Yours very truly,

Evonne M. Klein
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cc: Donna Rajczewski, Town Clerk



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cc: Donna Rajczewski, Town Clerk
John Davis, Chairman, DTC
Mimi Griffith, DTC Nominating Committee



The **DARIEN TIMES** Coloring contest

COLORING CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS:

Color the picture using crayons, magic markers or colored pencils. Picture will be judged on creativity. Use a little imagination, but most of all, have fun! Entries must be dropped off at The Darien Times, 4 Corbin Drive, Darien, no later than 12 noon, Tuesday, May 19. Remember to include your name, address, phone number and age. The winner gets to ride in the Memorial Day Parade.

AGE GROUPS:

4 & under; 5 & 6; 7 & 8; 9 & above.

Name:	_____
Address:	_____ _____
Age:	_____
Grade:	_____
Phone:	_____