

## **June 14, 2016 Minutes of Monuments and Ceremonies Commission Meeting**

**Commission Members present: Rollie Holub, Terry Gaffney, Phil Kraft, Dave Polett, Charles Scribner, Karen Polett, Sueann Schorr, Rebecca Siciliano and Parade Chairman, Sara Zagrodzky.**

**Meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM in the Darien Town Hall Auditorium. Minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting were accepted as read on a motion by Rollie; second Terry.**

**Phil thanked Sara for taking over as Parade Chairman and commended her for a job well done. He noted that more people are needed at the exit gate to move the Parade along in a timely manner. Other suggestions included having one person at the beginning of each Division and another at the end of the Division to better coordinate Parade movement and prevent gaps in the Parade going forward. Improved communication among all involved was also mentioned.**

**Discussion followed regarding the Library Ceremony and all agreed that both the Speaker, Brian O'Malley and Parade Grand Marshal, Lenny Hunter did a great job. Holding the ceremony indoors worked. Suggestion to talk to Post 53 Food Fair about time of opening of Fair was discussed.**

**Cemetery Flags on veterans' graves on the civilian side of Spring Grove Cemetery will be removed this Friday, June 17, at 1:00 PM by the Girl Scouts. Phil has ordered a gross of the 18" cemetery flags for the Commission. The State has already removed the flags from the veterans' graves in the veterans' section.**

**September 11, 2016 is a Sunday and our M&C Commission's town wide Memorial Service will be held at the Memorial located behind Middlesex School as usual at 8:46 AM. First responders, Town officials and towns people will be invited to attend. Karen will get the roses and wreath from Springdale Florist. Phil will handle the publicity for this event.**

**Terry mentioned the Monuments Inventory and is working on prioritizing and categorizing those on public property, state property, B of E property and private property. Definition of what constitutes a monument was discussed. Terry will meet with his Committee composed of Becky and Ken.**

**Submitted by,**

**Karen Kreitzberger Polett  
Secretary, Monuments and Ceremonies Commission**