

**PATRIOTIC COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
April 17th, 2013**

A quorum being present, Chairperson Margaret Byrnes called The regular meeting of the Patriotic Commission to order at 7:15 p.m. in the 2nd. Floor Conference Room of Town Hall followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Margaret Byrnes, Patricia Begley, Bernard Corona, Edward M. Dettore, Vincent Parys, Susan Tukey, Melodie Wilson. Charles Clark, Eugene Pushefski, Sr.

Excused: Joan Barbara Ross

Absent: Paul Barry

Also present: Robin E. Parys, Clerk, and Mr. Paul Belanger from East Hartford CERT.

Opportunity for Citizens to speak: Chairperson Margaret Byrnes introduced Mr. Paul Belanger who was invited by Commissioner Melody Wilson to discuss options for portable radios to be used during our Memorial Day parade. Mr. Belanger was very informative and helpful with providing the commission the opportunity to save money by borrowing their radios for the annual one time use.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Vincent Parys motioned for the minutes of the March 20th, 2013 meeting be approved as is. 2nd by Commissioner Pat Begley.

MOTION: Approved

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairperson Margaret Byrnes received a letter of resignation from Linda Carrasquillo. Linda has retired from her job and will be moving out of state. Chairperson Byrnes also received the necessary parade permits for the Memorial Day Parade. Commissioner Vincent Parys has received an invitation from the CT VETERANS FUND to participate in the November VETERANS DAY PARADE.

BILLS: \$ 4234.75 was approved for payment for the Cemetery Flags and the Replacement flags for the Parade Float.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Commission Budget is now 11,761.14

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Vincent Parys brought in a sample portable radio purchased at Cabella's for the use during the parade. After a lengthy discussion and considering Mr. Belangers offer, it was decided that we would borrow the radios (10) from CERT. Commissioner Melody Wilson will coordinate obtaining the radios at the appropriate time for the parade. Motion made by Commissioner Vincent Parys and 2nd by Commissioner Edward Dettore to borrow the radios.

MOTION: Approved

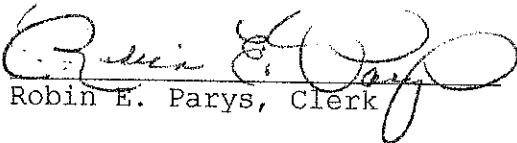
NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Pat Begley suggested May 20th as the cutoff date for the Flag Day Essay Contest, and June 17th for the awards ceremony at the June Board of Education Meeting. Commissioner Charles Clark set May 18th as the day for placement of the cemetery flags at Hillside Cemetary, he also requested a press release be sent out to the news media at least two weeks prior. Commissioner Vincent Parys made a motion to change the May 15th meeting date to May 22nd. The Mayors office and Town Clerk will be notified. A motion was also made by Commissioner Clark to pay the clerk.

MOTIONS: Approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Charles Clark made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Vincent Parys to adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

MOTION: Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted


Robin E. Parys, Clerk

Cc: Town Clerk (original)
Commissioners
Office of the Mayor