May 11, 2017 Minutes
Seymour Remembers
Memorial Day Committee
Seymour Community Center

Members Present: Ron Callanan, Beverly Kennedy, Preet Singh, John Stelma, Alex Danka
Members Absent: none
Others in Attendance: Susan McLean (Voices Reporter)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Meeting was held in Open Forum setting. The parade checklist was reviewed with the following information noted:
   a. Memorial Day Line of March—American Legion and Morning Star Lodge were verified as participating in the parade.
   b. Donations which were sent out were found to have an error in the address. Alex to have Rory in First Selectman’s office resend to correct address. No responses were received at the original address.
   c. Tkacz family and Daddio’s were contacted for parade cars. Car signs need to be located.
   d. Grand Marshall—Mike Kearney. Ron to order plaque for his participation. Mike had offered a bio if needed during the parade. John to follow up with Mike.
   e. Guest Speaker—Alex to follow up in lining up a guest speaker. Need to order a plaque for the guest speaker. It was mentioned that we do not have a person for the invocation at this time. John to follow up in finding a person for that role on the day of the parade—will contact the minister at Seymour Congregational Church.
   f. Essay Contest—John to meet with the Board of Education on Tues. the 16th to review the contest submissions and to pick winner and honorable mention for the elementary school level as well as the middle school level. There will be a need for a total of 4 plaques and two $50 checks.
   g. John passed out information to the committee regarding prices for advertisements in Voices. He also stated that the new marketing strategy for the paper was a townwide distribution of the paper on Wednesdays. The weekend edition will be available for sale at Seybridge Pharmacy but the weekend edition will no longer be delivered to individual homes.
   h. Ron mentioned the need to start composing a line of march for the day of the parade.
   i. Post parade festivities at the Congregational Church were stated by John to be offered to parade participants only. He rescinded the request to advertise the event when advertising the parade and activities.
   j. Alex to give John the name of the band performing prior to the parade so that he can include that information in news releases to Voices, Waterbury Republican, Connecticut Post, and New Haven Register within the next week.

3. Motion was made to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Stelma