

Stamford Patriotic and Special Events Commission

Minutes - DRAFT

Wednesday February 2, 2022 at Noon

The meeting was called to order at 12:14 PM with all participants joining by Zoom.

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P&SEC Members: Xavier Shellman, Joe Colavito, Dave Kaplan – quorum present

Special Guest: Matt Quiñones

Other Guests: Colleen Harkey, Steve Fischer, Pat Parry, Chris Munger, Alan Gerard, Archie Elam, Richard Redniss

Agenda

- 1) Minutes from November 10, 2021 meeting:
 - a. Read and approved.
- 2) Vote on new meeting schedule:
 - a. Proposal to hold future PSEC meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM was agreed and approved.
- 3) Introduction to Matt Quiñones
 - a. Matt Quiñones, Stamford Director of Operations, was introduced to all present.
 - b. Matt offered to assist PSEC actions where needed; first priority, getting at least two nominations to fill vacant PSEC positions before the Party Committees ASAP.
 - c. Contact Matt directly with recommendations for nomination or use the Stamford Government online application form:
<https://stamfordct.seamlessdocs.com/f/6l9fpao9de1b>.
- 4) Discussion of minutes from unofficial meeting held on January 12, 2022 with SVPP
 - a. Colleen Harkey discussed SVPP's planning for potential 2022 events. The listing is for information only – not to be taken as official or approved.

Month / Date	Day	Event / Meeting
March 13	Sunday (Daylight Savings)	K-9 Veterans Day
May 29	Sunday	Memorial Day - Celebrated
June 14	Tuesday	Flag Day
August 7	Sunday	Purple Heart Day
September	TBD	National Suicide Prevention Month & National Service Dog Month
November 6	Sunday	Veterans Day - Celebrated
December 7	Wednesday	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

5) Planning for Memorial Day activities

a. Parade and Ceremony voted and approved for Sunday, May 29, 2022.

b. Parade

- i. Route same as 2021 Veterans Day – Bedford and Hoyt to Veterans Park.
- ii. Permitting process to be initiated ASAP.
- iii. Xavier Shellman to investigate Stamford Schools’ readiness for marching band participation.
- iv. Dave Kaplan to initiate contact with potential participants.
- v. Planning documents from Veterans Day to be distributed for update at next meeting (Dave Kaplan).
- vi. Need to select Grand Marshal. Stamford Veterans Council to review. No master list of previous Grand Marshals exists. Potential sources of information: Town Clerk, Stamford Advocate, Previous PSEC Minutes (only recent minutes have been ported over to the new Stamford Government website). Steve Fisher and Alan Gerard to investigate.
- vii. Chris Munger to assess CERT capability for additional support personnel compared to Veterans Day parade.
- viii. Add Toys for Tots to Parade Invitee List.
- ix. Consider open invitation to all Veterans, whether affiliated with a Veterans Group or not to participate in the parade.

c. Ceremony

- i. Need to identify Keynote Speaker and Master of Ceremony

d. Possible 5k

- i. Consider as an addition to the parade and ceremony. Evaluate potential for Saturday, May 28th at Cummings Beach, as in 2019.

The meeting officially ended at 1:02 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 1, 2022, at 7:00 PM.