

Soldiers' Monument Commission

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Mission Statement

The commission recognizes the historical importance and aesthetic value of the Soldiers' Monument, a symbolic icon of the town of Winchester. Our mission is to protect, preserve, and enhance this nationally-recognized landmark while providing a clean and safe park for all residents and visitors.

AGENDA

Thursday, January 8th 2026 – 7 P.M.

Lee Ann LeClair Room (Blue Room), 2nd floor, Town Hall, Winsted, CT

Steve Dew, Chairman

Jack Bourque, Vice-Chair

Esther Dew, Secretary

Lynn Kessler, Treasurer

Lorraine Carbone-Craig P.R.

Deborah Kessler, Event/Volunteer

Coordinator

Virginia Shultz-Charette

Paul Parent

John Noone

Historical Event Advisors:

Blair & Mary Lou Pavlik

1. Call to Order

2. Agenda Review

Commission must vote on 2026 meeting dates

3. Public Comment:

4. Approval of Secretary's Minutes: November 13th 2025

5. Treasurer's Report: Lynn Kessler, Treasurer

Status of budget, restoration and Events and Fund-Raising accounts

Winchester Hardware: \$79.75 was spent to replace the GFI circuit breaker.

We received a \$100.00 donation from Matt and Laurie Jassen

6. Public Relations Report: Lorraine Carbone-Craig

7. Communications – Mail or email:

8. Monument and Grounds Activity Status Reports:

For future consideration: Pavers. Trail Cam/Security.

Flag pole is once again perpendicular to the planet Earth. Thank You, John!!

Christmas Lights need to be redone this spring

Roof Inspection Still waiting

9. On-going activities:

Fund raising ideas: Trivia night at AMP **Bingo** this winter Little Red Barn

Website changes/development Facebook updates. Esther

All future advertising must include our physical address 84 Crown St Winsted

Our email account: winchestersoldiersmonument@gmail.com **487 contacts!!!**

Virginia: Booklet "Stories of the Men"

10. Winchester Historic Commission Report: Deb

11. 2026 Events and Openings Discussion

Winter Lecture Series Saturday Mornings 10:30 Beardsley Library

Volunteers needed for setup and clean up

January 24th: Hamish Lutris **February 21st:** Ben Cruson **March 21st:** Radium Girls

April 18th Day of Service Cemetery Clean up with the Historic Commission maybe?

May 25th Memorial Day Ceremony at East End Park

June 21st Juneteenth

July 4th Monument is open 2:00 to 4:00 Reading of the Declaration of Independence

Suggested by the Historic Commission: Community Cook Out at the Monument

August?

September 11th Falls on a Friday this year

September? Fall Foliage Festival

October East End Park Walk or Cemetery Walk Maybe?

November 11th Veteran's Day Monument open

December? Christmas Party!!!

12. New Business:

Next Monthly Scheduled Meetings

Second Thursdays of the month.

Feb. 12th 2026 March 12th 2026 April 9th 2026

13. Adjournment: