

# **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), 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>** Day of Service Cemetery Clean up with the Historic Commission maybe?

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** Memorial Day Ceramony at East End Park

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** Juneteenth

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** Monument is open 2:00 to 4:00 Reading of the Declaration of Independence

Sugested 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 11<sup>th</sup>** Veteran's Day Monument open

**December?** Christmas Party!!!

## 12. New Business:

Next Monthly Scheduled Meetings

Second Thursdays of the month.

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 2026    March 12<sup>th</sup> 2026    April 9<sup>th</sup> 2026

## 13. Adjournment: