**Town of Winchester**

**Soldiers’ Monument Commission**

 P.O. Box 322 ● Winsted, CT 06098 ● www.SoldiersMonumentWinsted.org

**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, March 9th, 2023 – 7 P.M.**

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

**Steve Dew, Chairman**

**Jack Bourque, Vice-Chair**

**Kristin Dowler, Secretary**

**Lynn Kessler, Treasurer**

**Deborah Kessler**

**Virginia Shultz-Charette**

**Paul Parent**

**Thomas Sullivan**

**Douglas Werner**

**Historical Event Advisors:**

**Blair & Mary Lou Pavlik**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Agenda Review**

**3. Public Comment:**

**4. Approval of Secretary’s Minutes:** February 9th 2023

**5. Treasurer’s Report: Lynn Kessler, Treasurer**

Status of budget and restoration accounts

 Status of other accounts

Additional donations for restoration

Encumbered for building projects

**6. Communications –** Mail or email

**7. Monument and Grounds Activity Status Reports:**

Water inside the Monument.

 Inspection report from Tremco: “Nothing wrong with the roof”

 Shed update.

 All zoning approvals are done!! Shed plot has been staked out for fill and leveling.

 Future project suggestions:

 Lance Hanen, Town Planner and Director of Land Use will meet with us in April.

 For future consideration: Pavers, Front Door, Trail Cam/Security, 2nd and 3rd floor Museum,

 Repair and Paint the Stairs

 Garden update: Virginia, Lynn, and Deb

**On-going activities:**

Historical information update on Cannon mounts, Lynn and Steve

 Website changes/development Facebook updates

 Methods for improved Public Notification of events

Continued Development of special “friends” group -volunteer base – Deb

Rt. 8 attraction signs for Monument and Main St. signs

**2023 Events and Openings Discussion**

 **March 11th:** Songs of Ireland.

 **Memorial Day:** Hamish Lutris“The Last Full Measure of Devotion” Key Note Speaker

 **Juneteenth:**

 **July 4th:**

 **August:**

 **September 11th** Evening program, patriotic theme, music?
 **Cemetery Walk:** Cemetery Walk @ Forest View Cemetery, upper level

 **Veterans Day:**

 **Volunteers needed for openings (2) each month**

**New Business:**

 Edward Potter, from Lakeridge wants to have a tour with other Lakeridge residents in the Spring

 Update of names for Vietnam Memorial for Memorial Day

 Money Donation News Letter

**Adjournment:**

Next Monthly Scheduled Meetings

Second Thursdays of the month

 April 13th, 2023 May 11th, 2023 June 8th 2023