

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, May 14th 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
Comment:

2. Agenda Review

3. Public

4. Approval of Secretary's Minutes: April 9th 2026

5. Treasurer's Report: Lynn Kessler, Treasurer

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

John: Hats with the American 250 and SOMO logo?

We received \$112.00 from the Rotary Club. Deposited in the Restoration Account

6. Public Relations Report: Lorraine Carbone-Craig
email:

7. Communications – Mail or

8. Monument and Grounds Activity Status Reports:

For future consideration: Pavers. Trail Cam/Security: Albert checked out our utility pole.

Christmas Lights need to be redone this spring and lights takedown party date.

Roof Inspection: DONE!! Verbal report: "Roof looks good" Repointing repairs of the

Archway

May: SOMO clean up party. May 17th 1:00

Jack: Status on the second floor Museum renovations?

Outhouse Discussion and Vote: One handicap outhouse from May to Nov. Maintained once per month

No set-up fee Seasonal cost: \$490.00 Now \$1400.00

9. On-going activities:

Fund raising ideas:

Website changes/development Facebook updates. Esther

All future advertising must include our physical address 84 Crown St Winsted
Our email account: winchestersoldiersmonument@gmail.com **495 contacts!!!**
Virginia: Booklet "Stories of the Men"

10. Winchester Historic Commission Report: Deb

11. 2026 Events and Openings Discussion

April 18th Day of Service Cemetery Clean up with the Historic Commission.
Revolutionary War Trivia Night at the LRB

May 25th Memorial Day Ceremony at East End Park. Monument open

June 13th CT Open House Day Tort Museum Farmers Market. 8-00-2:00
Should the Monument also be open?

June 20th Juneteenth John Mills Tort Museum 1:00-2:00 Monument open 2:00-4:00

July 4th Monument is open 11:00 to 1:00 Reading of the Declaration of Independence
Suggested by the Historic Commission: Community Cook Out at the Monument.

Ice Cream?

August?

September 11th Falls on a Friday this year

September 28th Fall Foliage Festival 10:00-3:00

October East End Park Walk or Cemetery Walk Maybe?

November 11th Veteran's Day Monument open Howard Wright?

December? Christmas Party!!!

Presentations of Interest:

- b) History After Hours @ AMP: Friday, August 7, 2026, 5-7pm: "Inundated: Connecticut's Great Flood of 1955" Documentary film screening followed by a talk by historian Hamish Lutris and a month-long exhibit
- c) History After Hours @ AMP: Friday, September 18, 2026, 5-7pm: "Who Were The Wobblies?: Hidden Labor History". Movie screening of "The Wobblies" followed by a discussion led by historian Hamish Lutris and author/activist Steve Thornton
- d) History After Hours @ AMP: Friday, October 16, 2026, 5-7pm: "The Civilian Conservation Corps: Putting Depression-Era Men to Work". Lecture, film screening, and Q & A led by historian Hamish Lutris and author Marty Podskoch Saturday, October 17, 2026 – Family-Friendly Hike in People's State Forest to view examples of CCC workmanship led by Hamish Lutris (details to come)

12. New Business:

Next Monthly Scheduled Meetings

Second Thursdays of the month.

June 11th 2026 July 9th 2026 August 13th 2026

The Dews will not be at the June 11th meeting.

Jack will be in Charge. A Secretary will be needed, please.

13. Adjournment:

