



Memorial Square Dedication Committee

Minutes – October 3, 2019

A meeting of the Memorial Square Dedication Committee was held on October 3, 2019 in the Yaitanes Room at Stoughton Town Hall. Present for this meeting were Ed Carroll, Mark, Hausammann, Michael Pazyra, Cynthia Walsh and David Williams. Jim Kelly had an excused absence and had submitted his recommendation. Mike Beaudette participated remotely via the phone. The meeting was called to discuss Memorial Square application for John F. Lewis

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pazyra called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

A motion was made and moved to suspend the regular order of business to hear a presentation by Richard Fitzgerald regarding naming the new High School football stadium Veterans Memorial Stadium. Attached to these minutes please find some of the information Mr. Fitzgerald submitted. This presentation was looked upon very favorably by the Committee and subsequently endorsed. Please note as part of the general discussion it was asked that the Merchant Marines logo be added to the sign with the other military logos.

A motion was made and moved to return to the regular order of business.

Ms. Walsh motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. This was seconded and so moved.

John F. Lewis

Ms. Walsh opened the discussion stating there was insufficient substantiation of 20 years of substantive community service as required by the Policy for Consideration for a Memorial Square Dedication. A brief discussion followed that showed general agreement among the Committee members in attendance and Mr. Beaudette.

Mr. Williams motioned the application be tabled pending the submission of additional evidence of substantiated community service. This was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The Committee voted 6-1 to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Memorial Square application for John F. Lewis be tabled pending submission of additional evidence documenting 20 years of substantive community service to the Town of Stoughton.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hausammann brought up the issue of what should be required regarding proof of an applicant not having a Felony conviction. This led to a general discussion of the policy in general. It was decided that all the Committee members would go over the current application and submit suggestions regarding improvements. These are to be sent to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Pazyra, who will then call a meeting to discuss and possibly approve any suggested changes that would then be submitted to the Selectmen for their approval.

Some of the issues discussed during this meeting and previous meetings were:


The Town doing a CORI check at Town expense
Applicants who had moved out of Stoughton
A clearer definition of a surviving family member

NEW BUSINESS

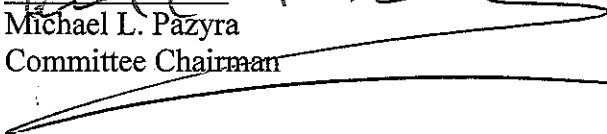
ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 6:01 PM

A True Record to the best of my knowledge-



Michael L. Pazyra
Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard W Fitzgerald

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Stoughton, MA 02072

March 26 2019

Stoughton School Committee

Molly Cochran Chair

232 Pearl Street

Stoughton, MA 02072

Re: Football Stadium

Dear Ms. Cochran

I am writing to you and the distinguished members of the Stoughton School Committee regarding the new football stadium. I currently serve on the High School Building Committee and we saw firsthand during the tour on March 16 that the building it is nearly complete and it is going to be spectacular.

I had the pleasure of seeing a former teacher and football coach Saturday evening Mr. Frank Jardin. In conversation he inquired about the new building. Truly speaking that's all I need is a lead in and we had a great conversation and I pretty much gave him a tour. He was asking me some questions specific to the football stadium, and those questions are the purpose of this letter.

As we move into the next phase, the dismantlement of our current building and the excavation of the land for our sports fields I would like to propose the following. That we name the new football stadium and the stadium only and not the field the Veterans Memorial Stadium forever honoring those men and women. When I heard Mr. Jardin mention this, I started to put things together to accomplish this goal and the first was to present this to the Committee this evening.

The "A:" building was the high school and through those doors (which were in the front of the building) upon graduation walked the men and women from the Town of Stoughton who fought in and served our nation in both the Second World War and the Korean War. From 1925 -1927 when the new high school opened, to the present day many graduates of Stoughton High have represented there community in the service of their country.

I want to thank you in advance for taking the time to review my request and I am sure the many veterans and citizenry of this great community appreciate your effort.

Sincerely;

Richard W Fitzgerald

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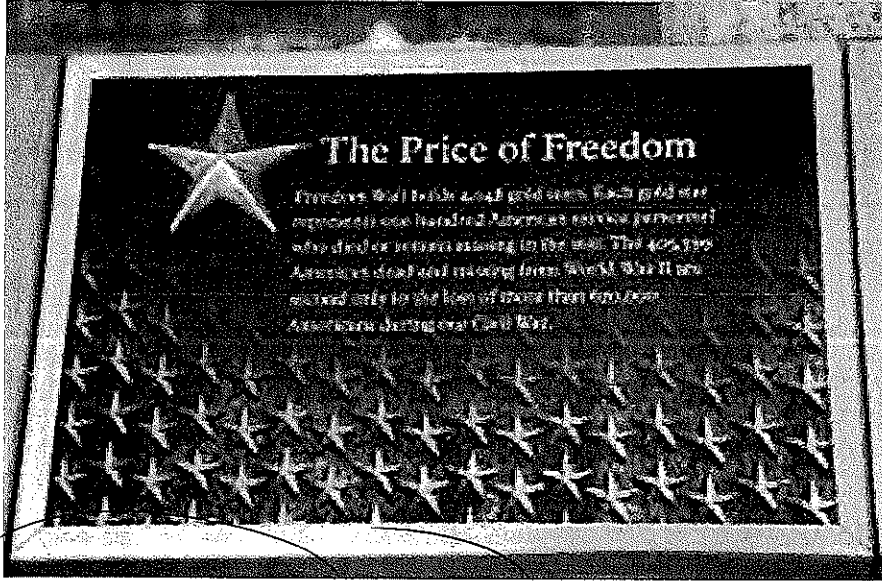
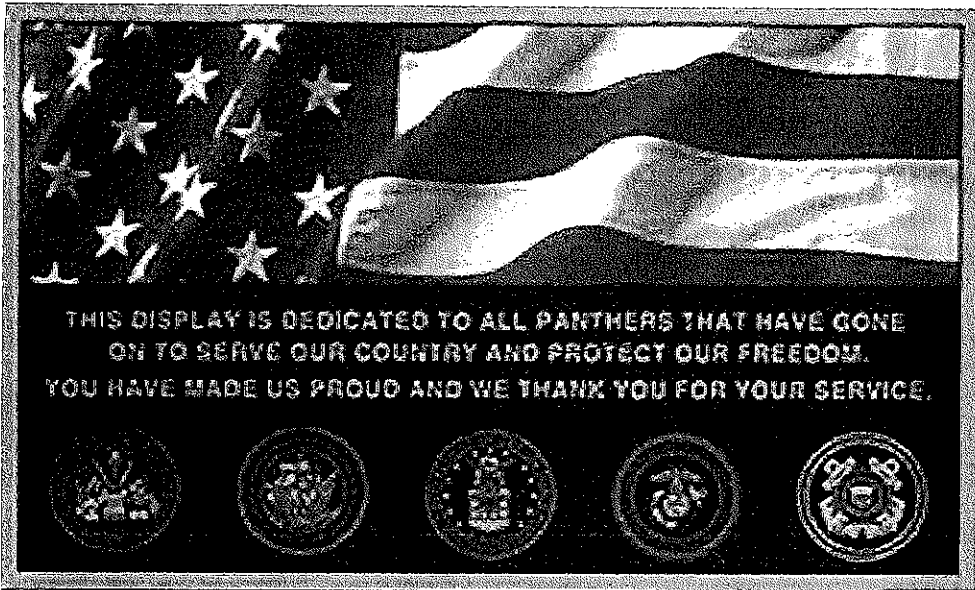
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