



## Memorial Square Dedication Committee

### **Minutes – September 21, 2017**

A meeting of the Memorial Square Dedication Committee was held on September 21, 2017 in the Yaitanes Room on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall. Present for this meeting were Michael Beaudette, Ed Carroll, Mark, Hausammann, Michael Pazyra, Cynthia Walsh and David Williams. James Kelly was absent. The meeting was called to discuss Memorial Square applications for Charles H. Starkowsky and Arthur W. Wood.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Mr. Beaudette motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. This was seconded by Ms. Walsh and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Charles H. Starkowsky**

Ms. Walsh opened the discussion stating that Mr. Starkowsky moved out of Stoughton in 1993 and raised the question of whether the issue of an applicant having moved out of Stoughton be a consideration of this and future applications. Mr. Beaudette stated if all the conditions of the application were met, this should not be an issue. A general discussion ensued on whether a change in policy be recommended to the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Walsh also stated that Mr. Starkowsky's service as a Town employee and as a Boy Scout is not considered community service per the policy. This was agreed by all present. After a general discussion, the consensus was the requirement of 20 years of documented community service was not satisfied.

Mr. Beaudette motioned to table the application pending the submission of evidence of additional community service. This was seconded by Mr. Williams.

**The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Memorial Square application for Charles H. Starkowsky be tabled pending submission of evidence documenting 20 years of substantive community service to the Town of Stoughton.**

## **Arthur W. Wood**

A general discussion again ensued on applicants having moved out of Stoughton and living out their lives somewhere else.

Mr. Hausammann brought up the application policy merely requests a statement that the applicant not have an un-pardoned Felony conviction. A general discussion ensued on the issue, particularly regarding those applicants who lived out of state after leaving Stoughton. It was agreed that Mr. Pazyra recommend to the Board of Selectmen the policy be changed to require a CORI check on all applicants.

Mr. Beaudette stated there was not sufficient and documented proof of 20 years of substantive community service as required by the policy. A general discussion ensued on this issue based on the evidence submitted.

Mr. Beaudette motioned to table the application pending the submission of evidence of additional community service. This was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

**The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Memorial Square application for Arthur W. Wood be tabled pending submission of evidence documenting 20 years of substantive community service to the Town of Stoughton.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Beaudette mentioned minor repairs needed at several Memorial Squares throughout the Town.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 5:59 PM

A True Record to the best of my knowledge-

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Michael L. Pazyra  
Committee Chairman