



## Memorial Square Dedication Committee

### **Minutes – April 22, 2021**

A meeting of the Memorial Square Dedication Committee was held on April 22, 2021 in the Great Hall/Yaitanes Room at Stoughton Town Hall. Present for this meeting were Mike Beaudette, Ed Carroll, Michael Pazyra, Cynthia Walsh and David Williams. Absent from the meeting were committee members Mark Hausammann and Jim Kelly. The meeting was called to discuss Memorial Square applications for Ambrose W. Buckley, Jr. and Edward T. Horan.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Pazyra called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

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

### **Ambrose W. Buckley, Jr.**

Mr. Buckley's military service was acknowledged in the opening of the discussion.

A general discussion then ensued on his community service. The consensus was the dental services provided were all paid services based on the evidence that was submitted.

Also discussed were submitted statements that Mr. Buckley was one of the founding members of STOYAC, donated time as a coach and was involved in other civic activities. However, no dates of this voluntary service or documentation of dates of service were provided in the application.

A motion was then made and seconded to table the application.

**The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Memorial Square application for Ambrose W. Buckley, Jr. be tabled pending the submission of 20 years of documented community service as called for in the Policy for Consideration for a Memorial Square Dedication.**

A letter will be sent to the applicant stating they have the right to appeal this decision to the Select Board.

### **Edward T. Horan**

Mr. Horan's military service was acknowledged in the opening of the discussion.

A general discussion then ensued on Mr. Horan moving his family out of Stoughton in 1962 to a neighboring community where he lived the last 42 years of his life. It was acknowledged

he technically met the requirement of having lived in Stoughton for 20 years, but the consensus was that at a relatively young age he chose to move himself and his family out of Stoughton and live in and become residents of another community.

Regarding voluntary community service to Stoughton, no dates of voluntary service or documentation of dates of service were given for his stated involvement at the American Legion or the Knights of Columbus and what his duties were. No dates or documentation was provided regarding his service with the Stoughton Housing Authority. It was acknowledged, per the reference letter from Reverend Joseph P McDermott, he had 20 years of service with the Church.

A motion was made and seconded to deny the application.

**The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Memorial Square application for Edward T. Horan be denied as he moved out of Stoughton in 1962 and became a resident of a neighboring community for the remaining 42 years of his life.**

A letter will be sent to the applicant stating they have the right to appeal this decision to the Select Board.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Beaudette informed the Committee brick work around the Memorial Bell in the front of Town Hall needs repair.

Mr. Pazyra informed the Committed about the missing POW flag pole at Faxon Veterans Memorial Park. Hopefully it can be replaced by Memorial Day. It was apparently blown over and damaged by a storm.

A general discussion ensued on Memorial Day plans.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 5:26 PM

A True Record to the best of my knowledge-

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Michael L. Pazyra  
Committee Chairman