

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING: SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS NAOMI CARNEY, CHAIRPERSON; BRIAN GOMES; WILLIAM BRAD MARKEY

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS SHANE BURGO, VICE CHAIRMAN; IAN ABREU

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Councillor Carney called the Memorials & Dedications Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. The Clerk read Communications from Councillors Burgo and Abreu explaining their absences from this meeting. These Communications were received and placed on file by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Markey.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad, submitting a Memorial Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program Application for the Women in Military Service Memorial located at Fort Taber Park for the placement of two (2) stone benches (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications.) (Ref'd 07/21/2022) was received and placed on file by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Markey. (1)

Councillor Morad was present, though not a member of this Committee, she gave an overview of the monument dedicated to the women who served in the armed forces and included the history on how it came to be. She told the Committee that the organizing group is still receiving donations. A decision was made to put reflecting benches at the site with the funds they have received. She asked that the Committee support the request.

Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks & Recreation, was present and addressed the Committee. She told the Committee she had been in contact with representatives from the National Park Services and the State Park Services as well and they had no objection. It was explained that the benches would be placed on the existing footprint, which would put the benches to the sides of the monument. Otherwise, they would have to re-grade the area, which they are not able to do.

Councillor Pereira spoke in favor of the request.

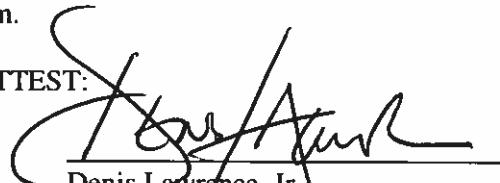
The members of the Committee voiced their support of the petition and wholeheartedly supported the reflection benches.

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Markey, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to refer approval to the Park Board of two (2) stone benches to be placed at the Women in Military Service Memorial located at Fort Taber Park. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Gomes made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Markey.

This meeting adjourned @ 6:39 p.m.

ATTEST:



Denis Lawrence, Jr.,
Clerk of Committees