

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Weymouth Town Hall – Kelley Room
September 26, 2012**

The Memorial Committee of the Town of Weymouth held a public meeting on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at Weymouth Town Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Weymouth, MA.

Present: Frank Burke, Chairman
Ed Walker
Keith Spain
James Clarke
Joan Anderson
Jeff Bina
Sean Guilfoyle
Steve McCloskey

ALSO PRESENT: Jack & Elaine Malone

Recording Secretary: Christine Callbeck

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Clarke made a MOTION to ACCEPT the minutes of October 26, 2011. Mr. Spain SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Bina made a MOTION to ACCEPT the minutes of April 11, 2012. Mr. Walker SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED; Mr. Guilfoyle abstained.

REQUEST FOR DEDICATION AT SEAWALL ON FORT POINT ROAD FOR DONALD BLANCHARD

Mr. Spain stated the board had discussed this at the last meeting and decided it was not a good idea to put a plaque on the deteriorating seawall but perhaps erect a sign on a pole instead or look at the area and come up with other alternatives. Mr. Spain suggested a plaque on a bench at the Wessagusset Woodland area which is close to the seawall area that was originally suggested.

Mr. Clarke stated Mr. Blanchard lives next to this Wessagusset Woodland area; Mr. Clarke further agreed that a small plaque on the bench would be a good idea.

Mr. Clarke made a MOTION to RECOMMEND the Memorial Committee place a plaque on the bench at the Wessagusset Woodland area in memory of Donald Blanchard with the approval of his family and asks that Mr. Walker speak with Ms. Jodi Purdy Quinlan to make sure the bench is not already to be dedicated to someone else. Mr. Spain SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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REQUEST FOR PARK BENCH IN MEMORY OF GARY W. CONLEY AT LANE BEACH

Mr. Malone gave the committee a letter from Frank Barone, President of MA Elks Association, Weymouth Lodge which read as follows:

To: Memorial Committee, Town of Weymouth

The intent of this letter is to support the request of Jack and Elaine Malone to place a park bench at Lane Beach in memory of Gary Conley.

As a close friend of Gary's, I can attest to his efforts within the community. As Elks, we traveled together to many Elks lodges in Massachusetts. His dedication to the Town of Weymouth was second to none. As mentioned in the Malone letter, Gary was always there when it came to helping out the veterans, youth, senior citizens or those less fortunate than ourselves.

To place a bench alongside his brother and his friend would certainly be a well-deserved tribute to Gary and I'm sure he would have wanted it this way.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Respectfully yours,

*Frank J. Barone
MA Elks Association State President
Secretary, Weymouth Elks Lodge #2232*

Mr. Malone stated his brother-in-law was very active in the town. Chairman Burke stated he knew Gary and Mr. Conley did a lot of work with the Elks and for the veterans of the Town of Weymouth. The family has purchased a bench with a memorial plaque on it and is requesting it be placed at the park at Lane Beach on the corner of River Street and Fort Point Road.

Mr. Spain made a MOTION to APPROVE the REQUEST to place bench at the location stated above. Mr. Bina SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Bina stated DPW will take care of the placement of the bench.

OTHER BUSINESS

Memorial Benches

Mr. Clarke stated that he and Mr. Bina will speak with Mr. Doyle of Parks and Recreation Department regarding the bench that was just placed at Great Esker without the approval of the Memorial Committee. Some groups are not aware of the proper process to have a memorial bench placed in the town. Chairman Burke suggested a reminder letter or memo be sent out to

all departments stating the proper procedures for memorial benches. Mr. Clarke stated he will speak with Mayor Kay and ask if she feels this is a necessary step. If Mayor Kay feels it is necessary then he will ask a memo from her office be sent to all departments.

Mr. Bina stated additionally, he will suggest that the Conley family might want to "adopt-an-island" where all of the other Conley benches are located and then they can officially maintain the island.

Haviland

Mr. Spain asked what the status of having Academy Avenue School is, or a portion thereof, named after Mr. Haviland. Mr. Guilfoyle stated the request has been put on hold for a while with the sudden passing of Superintendent MaryJo Livingstone and now welcoming in the new Superintendent. The dedication of the area at Academy Avenue School for Mr. Haviland should happen this spring 2013.

Memorial Signs

Mr. Spain asked about signs that have been removed at Middle and Washington Street; John Peckham signs and McKenzie signs. Where are they and when are they going back up? Mr. Bina stated that his "sign guy" has the signs, they are safe. Work is being done in those areas and when it is complete the signs will be put back up.

REQUEST TO NAME HARBORMASTER BOAT FOR CECIL EVANS, FIRST HARBORMASTER

Mr. Spain asked what is the status of the re-naming of the new Harbormaster boat for Cecil Evans. Was this ever done? Mr. Clarke stated Mayor Kay sent a letter to Paul Milone, Harbormaster, advising him of the change in the name of the boat.

Mr. Clarke stated he personally does not know if it has been done.

Congressional Medal of Honor

Mr. Walker asked that a replica of the medal be purchased by the town to be placed alongside the memorial. It would be nice for Weymouth citizens to be able to see the medals while viewing the memorial.

Chairman Burke stated he could possibly communicate this with the Medal of Honor Society.

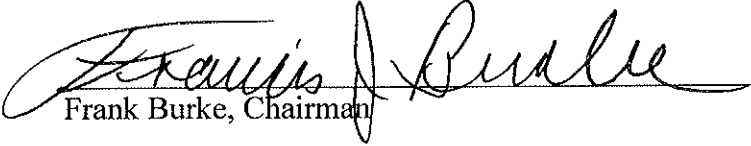
Mr. Spain suggested Memorial Committee write a letter to Scott Brown and ask for his help and support in this matter.

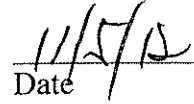
Next Meeting

Chairman Burke stated the committee shall meet again when it is necessary.

Adjournment

There being no further business Mr. Spain made a MOTION to ADJOURN and the MOTION was SECONDED by Mr. Guilfoyle. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to ADJOURN at 8:00pm.


Frank Burke, Chairman


Date