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# **Media Advisory**

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## **Mayor Hedlund to Hold Dedication of Heritage Park on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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Weymouth, MA – On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Robert Hedlund will host a dedication ceremony at Heritage Park, located at the corner of Washington and Middle Streets. The ceremony will begin at 3pm and include brief remarks about the importance of the site, as well as the unveiling of a new statue and monument.

Heritage Park has been completely revitalized, with the addition of a new stone facade, walkways, landscaping and lighting elements. Funds for the project came from the Mayor's beautification fund which receives donations from Weymouth businesses. BETA Group Inc., provided engineering services at a reduced rate, allowing the Town to complete the work. The flag and flag pole at the site were donated by the Town's waste management company, EZ Disposal. The Weymouth Department of Public Works completed site work including grading and landscaping.

This site is of great significance to Weymouth, as it marks the geographical center of town and is home to many historic events. The Weymouth Town House was erected on the site in 1852. This building served as the town offices and the first high school in Weymouth convened here in 1853. The Town House also was host to many local events until it was moved to the site of the current police station in 1906-1907. The Town House building burned down in 1914.

"Heritage Park is not only the geographical center of Weymouth, but also the site of the first Town meeting." **said Mayor Robert Hedlund.** "It's an important landmark in town that deserved the time and attention it was given by the Weymouth DPW, who overhauled the landscaping and design. The park was in bad shape before we started the work, essentially a dumping ground for trash. I couldn't be more pleased with the results of all the hard work that went into this project."

In addition to the park dedication, a statue and monument, both of historical significance, will be unveiled during the ceremony.

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