



Memorials & Dedications

October 18, 2016 – 6:01 PM - **Minutes**

City Hall, 133 William Street, Councillor William Saltzman Antechamber,
Room 213, Municipal Building

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS
DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2016
TIME: 6:01 P.M.
PLACE: COUNCILLOR WILLIAM SALTZMAN ANTECHAMBER, ROOM 213, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS KERRY WINTERSON, CHAIRMAN; HENRY BOUSQUET, VICE-CHAIRMAN; IAN ABREU; NAOMI CARNEY (6:04); DANA REBEIRO (6:04)

ABSENT: NO ONE

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Councillor Winterson called the Memorials & Dedications Committee Meeting to order and took attendance, everyone was present.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Councillor Lopes, submitting a request from the Prince Henry Society of MA, Inc., regarding the northwest area of Pope's Island that is currently known as "Marine Park" be dedicated and named Prince Henry "The Navigator" Park on Pope's Island (Ref'd 11/24/15, 4/11/16- table 30 days) was removed from the table by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Abreu. (1)

Councillor Lopes was present and explained the events which lead to the motion before the Committee.

Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches was also present and informed the Committee that there were no objections by the Park Department in the renaming of the North West corner of Popes Island.

Mr. Carlos Da Cunha, Director of Prince Henry Society was present and told the Committee that they would like to have the green light from the Committee to move forward and then they would plan on the proper signage and will go through the proper channels to have it approved and erected.

On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of Dedicating and naming the northwest area of Pope's Island, currently known as "Marine Park" to Prince Henry "The Navigator" Park. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillors Lopes, Gomes, Abreu, Bousquet, Carney, Martins, Winterson, Coelho, Rebeiro and Oliveira, requesting, that the Hurricane Dike Walking Path on the east beach be named after the former Ward Six City Councillor, Ralph J. Saulnier (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications) (Ref'd 9/22/16) was received and placed on file by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Abreu. (2)

Councillor Lopes was present and explained the public service of Former Councillor Saulnier and thought it a fitting tribute. He said it would be nice to do this while Councillor Saulnier is still with us.

Christina Connelly from the Mayor's Office was also present and informed the Committee that it was the Administration's intent to keep the walking paths named The Cove Walk, Harbor Walk and Riverside Walk, to give some continuity in marketing the walkways in the city. The Administration however did not object to finding another item or area to name after the former Councillor; for example the boat ramps on either side of the peninsula in the south end may be appropriate.

On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To table this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting his recommendation that the Department of Public Infrastructure Headquarters be named The Ronald H. Labelle Public Infrastructure Complex, in honor of DPI Commissioner Ronald H. Labelle, who recently retired after three decades of service to the City of New Bedford (Ref'd 7/21/16) was received and placed on file by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Bousquet. (3)

Zeb Arruda, DPI Commissioner, told the Committee that this was an awesome idea and well deserved, based on the years of service and commitment to the city by Mr. Labelle. If approved they will look to do similar style wording on the Shawmut Avenue building, much like they did for Larry Worden at the City Yard.

Christina Connelly from the Mayor's Office stated that where the Mayor had made the recommendation they fully supported the initiative.

On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the Department of Public Infrastructure Headquarters being named The Ronald H. Labelle Public Infrastructure Complex, in honor of the former DPI Commissioner Ronald H. Labelle, who recently retired after three decades of service to the City of New Bedford. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Dennis R. Reidenbach, United States National Park Service Regional Director, to Councillor Linda M. Morad, Chairperson, Committee on Memorials and Dedications, Re: Proposed addition to the Merchant Mariners Monument at Fort Taber. (04/21/11, 08/28/13 – tabled, 9/15/14 – tabled, waiting for Master Plan to be completed by DPI) (4)

On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To waive the reading and follow the Chair's recommendation to take "No Further Action" on this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Bousquet made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Abreu.

This meeting adjourned @ 6:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Denis Lawrence, Jr.,
Clerk of Committees