



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

MINUTES OF THE DEDICATION COMMISSION MEETING – OCTOBER 9, 2013

Present: Jay Weaver, John Liddell, Tony Mattarazzo

Absent: None

The meeting came to order at 12:07 p.m.

The following requests were discussed and voted on:

1. Petition to dedicate the intersection of Broadway and Irving Street to members of the Kelleher family who served in the Armed Forces. **YES** (unanimous).
2. Petition to dedicate the intersection of Washington and Rose Streets to Corporal Bernard Cotter. **YES** (unanimous)
3. Petition to dedicate the intersection of Sycamore Street and Evergreen Avenue to Staff Sergeant David Bambrick. **Yes** (unanimous)
4. Petition to dedicate the intersection of Lovell Street and Electric Avenue to Lieutenant (Junior Grade) John Quinlan. **Tabled** (motion by Mr. Liddell; seconded by Mr. Mattarazzo) for want of evidence.
 - a. The evidence indicates that Mr. Quinlan's Naval service occurred entirely during peacetime. It does not reflect the receipt of any awards or medals, or the performance of any heroic or unusually meritorious acts.
 - b. The evidence indicates that Mr. Quinlan performed 28 years of service as a Somerville firefighter. This evidence consisted solely of a Retirement Board document obtained and presented to the Commission by Mr. Weaver, reflecting the duration of Mr. Quinlan's service. The petitioners produced no evidence about the character of Mr. Quinlan's service. Except for Mr. Quinlan's longevity, the record does not reflect any heroic or meritorious acts.



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- c. Mr. Liddell and Mr. Mattarazzo expressed gratitude for Mr. Quinlan's many years of service. In light of the relatively small number of squares available for dedication, however, they did not feel that mere longevity by a municipal employee justifies the dedication of a square. Accordingly, Mr. Liddell motioned to table the matter for want of evidence. Mr. Mattarazzo seconded the motion.
- d. The matter will remain open indefinitely. The Commission invites the petitioners to submit additional evidence whenever it becomes available. If additional evidence is received, the Commission will again vote on the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.