



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES
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MINUTES OF THE DEDICATION COMMISSION MEETING - 9 MAY 2013

Present: Jay Weaver, John Liddell, Ted Gerber

Absent: Tony Mattarazzo

The meeting came to order at 11:28 a.m.

The following requests were discussed and voted on:

1. Petition to dedicate the intersection of Linwood Avenue and Poplar Street to David L. Lyons, U.S. Army; Patrick J. Lyons, U.S. Army; and John F. Lyons, possibly of the U.S. Army. **Yes** (unanimous) with the following conditions:

Since David L. Lyons died in the service of his country, the commission unconditionally approves the dedication of a square in his honor. The commission approves the inclusion of the other Lyons brothers in this dedication, subject to the provision of evidence showing that they served honorably in the military.

2. Petition to dedicate the intersection of Columbus Avenue and Washington Street to SPEC-4 Francis M. Toomey. **No** (Gerber, Liddell; Weaver abstaining). Because Mr. Toomey's service to the mentally challenged far outweighed his military service, the majority of the commission members feels it would be more appropriate to name something at the Walnut Street Center after him, than to dedicate a square to him.
3. Petition to name the new skating rink at Conway Park "Founders' Rink," after five veterans who founded Somerville Youth Hockey. **Yes** (unanimous), subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen.
4. Petition to dedicate the intersection of Thurston Street and Broadway to William R. Philpot. **No** (Gerber, Liddell; Weaver abstaining). While the majority of the commission respects and appreciates Mr. Philpot's many years of food deliveries to the poor, it does not feel that this service justifies square dedication.



5. Petition to dedicate the intersection of Walnut and Boston Streets to Theodore Buttner. **Yes** (unanimous).
6. Petition to dedicate the intersection of Walnut Street and Hillside Park to William Desmond. **Yes** (unanimous).

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.