



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES
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MINUTES OF THE DEDICATION COMMISSION MEETING – 27 JULY 2012

Present: Jay Weaver, John Liddell, Helen Latanowich, Ted Gerber

Present by teleconference: Tony Matarazzo

The meeting came to order at 12:06 p.m.

The President of the Commission, Jay Weaver, announced that draft regulations for the processing of dedication requests have been presented to the mayor for his consideration.

The following requests were discussed and voted on:

Dedication of Boston Street and Hamlet Street to TEC3 Peter P. Fantasia, U.S. Army, Silver Star recipient and former POW, who treated and recovered numerous soldiers from the battlefield while under fire. This proposal required a unanimous vote, because the nominee is still living. **Yes** (unanimous).

Dedication of Highland Avenue and Central Street to PFC Virgil J. Iannacone, U.S. Army, who engaged the enemy directly in Normandy, the Rhineland, and the Ardennes. **Yes** (unanimous with Mr. Matarazzo abstaining), subject to location change, as a dedication already exists at the proposed intersection.

Dedication of Leonard Street and Broadway to SGT Vincent A. Calalogna, U.S. Army, who engaged the enemy directly as a gunner and crewmember of a bomber, received two Purple Hearts, and was the sole survivor of a downed aircraft. This proposal required a unanimous vote, because the nominee is still living. **Yes** (unanimous).

Dedication of a square to PVT Joseph A. DiMartino, U.S. Army, who engaged the enemy directly in the Rhineland, received the Purple Heart, and served as post commander of numerous veterans' organizations. **Yes** (unanimous), subject to identification of a suitable location at the discretion of the Director of Veterans' Services.



Dedication of a square to PVT Anthony J. La-Vita, U.S. Army, who lost his leg on the beach at Anzio. **Yes** (unanimous), subject to identification of a suitable location at the discretion of the Director of Veterans' Services.

Dedication of a square to Sister Stephen Marie, a nun and longtime teacher at St. Benedict's School. **No** (John Liddell, Helen Latanowich, Ted Gerber; with Tony Matarazzo and Jay Weaver abstaining).

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.