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NAMING OF PUBLIC ASSETS

It is the policy of the Town of Foxborough to reserve the naming or renaming of public assets for circumstances that will best serve the interests of the Town and ensure a worthy and enduring legacy for the Town's physical spaces.

- A. No Town assets shall be named or renamed except in accordance with this policy.
- B. Assets that are considered to be major physical assets of the Town of Foxborough, such as buildings, recreational facilities, parks, water bodies, and/or conservation land shall be named only after the board with jurisdiction, care, custody and/or control over the asset shall approve a recommend name. Recommendations for the naming of a Town asset shall then be submitted to Town Meeting for approval by a majority vote of the body.
- C. All Town assets that are portions of a larger whole, such as: interior spaces of buildings; features within parks, conservation land, and recreational areas; driveways or parking lots; furniture or other small fixtures of any description shall be named by the Board having jurisdiction, care, custody and/or control over the asset pursuant to the provisions provided under sub-section (G.).
- D. The naming of a Town asset shall be considered with the following criteria in mind:
 - a. Historic Events, People, and Places. The Town may preserve and honor the history of the Town, State, or Country by utilizing the names of prominent historical figures, local landmarks, neighborhoods, or prominent geographical locations to help identify an asset.
 - b. Outstanding Individuals. The Town may acknowledge and honor individuals who have contributed in a significant way to the public way of life and well-being of the Community by naming an asset after them.
 - c. Major Gifts. The Town may acknowledge certain major gifts (either financial or a tangible item of significant value) to the Town donated by individuals, organizations or corporations by naming a public asset in recognition of such gift.
- E. The Board/Commission with jurisdiction, care, custody and/or control over an asset to be named shall consider whether a naming/legacy agreement, or other such documentation, is appropriate in each situation.
- F. In situations where no naming/legacy agreement or other documentation exists, names shall not be changed without consideration of the historical significance of the name, impact on the individual or organization previously named, and the costs associated with such renaming.
- G. Following the effective date of this policy, no naming of any public asset shall become an official act of the Town unless it is named consistent with the provisions of this policy.