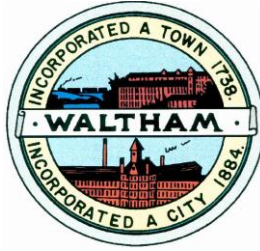


City of Waltham



Veterans Service Committee Meeting September 18, 2017 Minutes of the meeting

Chairman Giordano called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Councillor's, Logan, McLaughlin, and Chairman Giordano.

The Clerk read Chairman Giordano's resolution informing the committee that Veterans Director Michael Russo had requested to come before the committee to discuss the naming of Veterans Squares.

Councillor Logan made a motion to hear from an off committee member. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Veterans Director Michael Russo appeared before the committee. Mr. Russo said he wanted to discuss the process for naming Veterans Squares. Mr. Russo said he feels the process should be done differently. Mr. Russo said a Veterans Square Committee should be established, and that committee should decide which squares get approved.

Council President LeBlanc said she feels that although improvements can be made she would be reluctant to remove the selection authority from the City Council.

Councillor Logan asked Mr. Russo what changes would be helpful. Mr. Russo said better selection guidelines are needed. Councillor Logan said he would be happy to work with the Veterans Director to modify the current process.

Chairman Giordano asked Mr. Russo for some examples of changes he would like to see. Mr. Russo said there should be different designated signage specifically representing the Veterans situation. For example one sign for those who were killed in service, another for those who were not killed, and maybe a different one for those with community service.

Mr. Russo said he would put together some proposals and get them to the committee.

Councillor McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Magno
Clerk – Ad Hoc Committees