

MEMORIAL PARKS AND COMMONS POLICY

89-02

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to identify commons that have been names and define the process for naming and dedicating commons and Parks in the future.

II. POLICY

A. Town Commons

1. There are 7 commons named after servicemen who were killed in service to their country

- a. John G. Armstrong Square located on Farmers Row and the performing arts entrance to Groton School
- b. Byron H. Wilson Square located at Boston Road and Old Ayer Road
- c. William H. Boynton, Jr. Square located at Hollis St.
- d. Frank W. Sawyer Square located at Hollis St. and Martins Pond Rd.
- e. Charles R. Gordon Square located at Pleasant and Main Streets
- f. Samuel E. Badger, Jr. located at Mill St. and Farmers Row
- g. Joseph E. Cutler Square located at W. Main St. and Pepperell Rd. West Groton
- h. Carol G. Wheeler Park located at W. Main St. and Townsend Rd. West Groton

2. Other Commons

- a. Minuteman Common located at Rte. 119 and Rte. 40 in from of the Old Parish Church
- b. Fireman's Common located at Pleasant and Main Sts (aka Charles R. Gordon Square)

3. The process for naming Commons

Any request for naming a Common should initially begin with a written request submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen, in consultation with the

Parks Commission shall consider the request. Town Commons shall only be named for Town residents who, while serving in the Armed Services, are killed in service to their country. The Selectmen shall confirm with the Parks Commission on the appropriate placement and memorial marker. The Parks Commission shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Common.

4. Process for naming Parks

A written request for naming of a Park after a person shall be submitted to the Selectmen. The Selectmen shall consider the request taking into consideration the particular circumstances as well as the length of residency in Groton. The Selectmen in conjunction with the Parks Commission shall determine the name of the Park.

5. Process for dedicating memorial benches, trees, structures (skating rink etc.) on town Parks and Commons.

A written request, detailing the request including pictures if possible shall be submitted to the Parks Commission. The Parks Commission shall meet with the Selectmen to consider the request. If the Park or Common is within the Historic District Commission, their approval is required as well. Both the Parks Commission and the Board of Selectmen shall be in agreement on the placement and type of memorial.