WHEREAS, in 1978, the Byram School was closed and the trees and markers were set to be removed as part of the renovation of the area. The Byram Veterans Association and the 9th District Veterans of Glenville petitioned the Town to save the memorials. Mr. Frank Keegan, Director of Parks and Recreation at the time, worked with the veteran associations to clean up the area and to install a flagpole and a memorial plaque. On November 11, 1989, the Eugene Morlot Memorial Park (EMMP) was named in a ceremony lead by Mr. Keegan. There are no ordinances, meeting minutes, deeds or related documentation which give a definitive answer to the question of what comprises EMMP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen officially name EMMP on Town of Greenwich parcels # 4544 (11.60082 acres) & # 4533 (1.81221 acres) combined for a total of 13.41303 acres as was surveyed by Langan Company (boundary survey map # VB101 revised 10/22/21 & partial boundary and topographic survey map # VT101 revised 10/22/21); and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the total 13.41303 acres shall be named Eugene Morlot Memorial Park to be recorded in the official Town land records and listed in the inventory of Parks on the Town’s website; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the .64782-acre Veteran’s Memorial Tree Grove located within Eugene Morlot Memorial Park will be permanently dedicated and forever protected. The Veteran’s Memorial Tree Grove will be recorded in the official Town land records. The Veteran’s Memorial Tree Grove will also be included on the Town’s website; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town will not construct any permanent structure on or above the existing parking lot. However, the Town retains the right to perform maintenance to the parking lot that includes reconfiguration, paving, installing drainage, lighting and possible expansion. This maintenance agreement also includes any and all work needed on the playscape that is divided by the dedication line.
Town of Greenwich
Board of Selectmen Meeting
November 23, 2021
10 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting Room & via Zoom webinar
APPROVED MINUTES

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m.

a. Attendance:

   a. First Selectman Fred Camillo - Present
   b. Selectwoman Lauren Rabin – Present
   c. Select-person Jill Oberlander – Present

2. Approval of minutes

   a. Regular meeting Sept. 9, 2021

      Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the minutes, as corrected by Ms. Oberlander, were approved unanimously.

   b. Regular meeting Nov. 9, 2021

      Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Ms. Oberlander, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Camillo noted this was Ms. Oberlander’s last meeting of the 2019-21 term and thanked her for her service and presented her with a Certificate of Special Recognition and a gift.

Ms. Oberlander thanked residents for the opportunity to serve the Town as well as volunteers on various boards and Town employees.

3. First Selectman’s Updates

Mr. Camillo highlighted several past and upcoming events; that the Bike Task Force is working with the Junior League Greenwich on identifying locations for bike racks and routes; there are more pickleball courts around Town; FEMA is continuing tours of flood-damaged homes and businesses; that he has a Dec. 3 meeting with Gov. Lamont and the legislative delegation to discuss 8-30g
affordable housing; the swearing-in ceremony is on Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. and the Town Hall tree-lighting is at 4:45 p.m. Dec. 3.

4. Selectmen’s Updates

Selectwoman Rabin also thanked Ms. Oberlander for her service. She also noted that the Re-Imagine Committee has organized a Dec. 9 holiday stroll where participating downtown businesses will be open late.

Select-person Oberlander said she is transitioning leadership of the Sustainability Committee to Ms. Janet Stone McGuigan and that she will continue working with the committee.

5. Old Business

a. Greenwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund (second read) – Planning & Zoning Chair Margarita Alban.

Postponed until the Dec. 9 Board

6. New Business

a. Eugene Morlot Memorial Park naming resolution – Parks & Recreation Director Joe Siciliano and Building, Construction Maintenance Superintendent Alan Monelli.

Mr. Siciliano explained this was a housekeeping issue in that in 1989, the plaque and flagpole was installed by the Parks & Recreation Department but that the 13.4-acre park was never formally accepted by the Board of Selectmen with the requisite land records filed with the Town Clerk. The park also contains a .67-acre tree grove in honor of 13 Byram Veterans which will remain as such in perpetuity.

Also commenting and asking or answering various questions and/or raising or addressing various issues were:

Building Construction Maintenance Superintendent Alan Monelli; Selectwoman Lauren Rabin; Select-person Jill Oberlander; Sylvester Pecora Sr., Byram Veterans Association Commander Don Sylvester; David Wold; Assistant Town Attorney Abby Wadler; Byram Neighborhood Association President Joe Kantorski; Liz Eckert and Bob Kristoff.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rabin and a second by Mr. Camillo, to add “Byram” to the Veterans Memorial Tree
Grove, the park was formally named the Eugene Morlot Memorial Park by a vote of 2-1-0, with Ms. Oberlander voting no.


Request was withdrawn.

7. Appointments/Nominations

There were none.

8. Adjournment

At 12:02 p.m., Ms. Rabin made a motion to adjourn. Upon a second by Ms. Oberlander, the motion was approved unanimously.

Fred Camillo, First Selectman

Prepared by Barbara A. Heins, Recording Secretary