

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND THANKING THE
STAMFORD VETERANS PARK PARTNERSHIP ON THE
REVITALIZATION OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2019, the Stamford Veterans Park Partnership unveiled a renovated and revitalized Veterans Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, this project grew out of the tragic death of Special Warfare Operator Chief (SEAL) Brian Bill on August 6, 2011, one of 30 American service members killed in action during a mission in Wardak Province of Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Parry and Patrick Sasser worked with Richard Redniss to determine how best to establish a memorial in Brian Bill's honor, and the decision was made to renovate Veteran's Memorial Park on Atlantic Street, thereby not only honoring Brian Bill, but also honoring all of Stamford's veterans ; and

WHEREAS, numerous members of the Stamford community joined together to form an ad hoc committee to explore a public/private partnership with the City of Stamford to renovate the park, leading to the reformation of the Stamford Veterans Council and the creation of the Stamford Veterans Park Partnership, Inc., a non-profit organization, in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the first of three phases of the project was presented on Veterans Day, November 11, 2019; the second phase is scheduled for completion for official presentation on Memorial Day, 2020; and the third phase is the reconstruction of the Atlantic Street intersection, anticipated to be completed in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the renovation and revitalization of Stamford Veterans Park would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the members of the Stamford Veterans Park Partnership: Richard Redniss, Sandy Goldstein, Greg Caggainello, Christopher Munger, Patricia Parry, Patrick Sasser, Alan Sosnowitz and Colleen Harkey; as well as the the following additional members of the larger Stamford community who were part of the Stamford Veteran's Park Collaboration Committee: John Barnes, Lou Casolo, Archie Elam, Stephen Fischer, Alan Gerard, Diedrich Hohn, Polly Perkins Johnson, Carlo Leone, Erin McKenna, Michael Molgano, Michael Moore, Christopher Munger, Kevin Murray, Shelly Nichani, Denis Patterson, Tony Pavia, Marisa Rogo, Burt Rosenberg, John Rovegno, Alan Sosnowitz, Dan Stolzenbach, James Travers and David Winston.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30th Stamford Board of Representatives congratulates and thanks the Stamford Veterans Park Partnership for their dedication and hard work in realizing the renovation and revitalization of the Veterans Memorial Park.

*Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
This 2nd day of December, 2019*

Matthew Quinones, President
30th Board of Representatives

Susan Nabel, Clerk
30th Board of Representatives