

*is eligible for lifetime membership subject to Town Council approval."*

Prior to the vote taken, Solicitor Ursillo provided clarity to the council on life membership and recommended they require council approval.

- H2.** Stephen Brigidi, 93 Highland Rd - Request approval for the proposed site at Independence Park for the Bristol Middle Passage Port Markers Memorial
- a. cover letter
  - b. Photographs of Independence Park site
  - c. composite of other Memorial installations
  - d. UNESCO confirmation letters
  - e. meeting minutes from March 2, 2022

Sweeney/Teixeira- - Voted to approve the proposed site for the Middle Passage Port Markers Memorial at Independence Park and that the group work with the Town Administrator and appropriate Department Heads; this is subject to the approval of all and any permits and overseeing authority such as but not limited to, Coastal Resource Management Council, local Historic District Commission, and State Historical Preservation Commission. The designed marker shall be subject to final approval by the council.

Voting in favor of this motion was Vice Chairwoman Parella, Councilman Sweeney, Councilman Teixeira, and Councilman Ley. Abstaining was Council Chairman Calouro

Prior to the vote taken, Stephan Brigidi of 3 Highland Road addressed the council. Mr. Brigidi explained that his group had been working on a location for a middle passage memorial marker after the initial meeting with the council. He noted that the

group had held public meetings and had been working with the town officials and the community development office to vet a site for the marker that would be favorable.

Mr. Brigidi stated that the proposed site was located at the northwest corner of Independence Park. He explained that approval for the site was needed prior to obtaining a concept design or any artwork or structure. He stated that the design, while being mindful of the other two memorials, would be in keeping with the proportion, massing, overall structure, and use of similar materials; and that all the group would work to obtain all necessary approvals from authorizing bodies. The language and design would be refined and presented to the council at a subsequential meeting for consideration and approval.

Mr. Brigidi stated that the marker was in the spirit of remembrance and reconciliation and the memorial would be a place to honor the people who endured the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, also referenced as the middle passage and that the memorial would be a touchstone, in the spirit of healing to acknowledge Bristol's role in the slave trade and to pay tribute to the African and indigenous people who were directly and adversely impacted. And the site would also be recognized as a UNESCO site.

Chairman Calouro stated that while he was in support of the middle passage marker Project he was not exactly in support of the proposed location.

**H3. Director Williamson re Proposal for Seasonal Outdoor Dining Regulations (continued from August 24, 2022)**

Sweeney/Parella- Voted unanimously to appropriate \$12,600 from the general funds for the cost of scope of work for the seasonal outdoor dining regulations.

Prior to the vote taken, Chairman Calouro and Councilman Teixeira noted that the decision was a special circumstance outside of the normal budget process and that projects, such as this, should not be considered in this manner going forward.

**I. Other New Business Requiring Town Council Action**