



TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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Town Administrator

Robert J. Seder
c/o Walgreen Company
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Re: Property at 591 Metacom Ave., Bristol, RI

May 29, 2024

Dear Mr. Seder:

As the elected Town Administrator in Bristol, Rhode Island, I am writing to you on behalf of my constituents who have raised an issue with your retail store at 591 Metacom Avenue in Bristol. Several residents have come to me personally to express their concern and others have taken to social media to criticize the maintenance and upkeep of a private road that traverses the westerly end of the Walgreen property, north to the adjacent plaza.

In 2007, when Walgreens was granted approval to construct the road, it was agreed that the stretch would be named in honor of a local veteran who was killed in a motor vehicle accident. Ownership of the road remained with Walgreens.

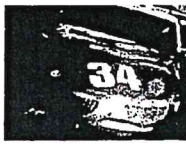
Michael Andrade Way is a heavily trafficked area, providing convenient ease of travel between Gooding Avenue, Walgreens and the adjacent shopping plaza. The Town is very appreciative that Walgreens provided this access, however residents are concerned that the property owner's failure to maintain the accumulation of litter and vegetation overgrowth detracts from the landscaping of the surrounding businesses and is disrespectful to the veteran whose name it bears.

We have made several attempts to convey this concern with the local Walgreen's management team over the years, however this stretch of property continues to be neglected as part of the store's landscape maintenance.

We are not asking for an elaborate landscaping design; we are just requesting that the litter clean-up and trimming of vegetation along the east and west sides of Michael Andrade Drive be included in the regular landscaping maintenance plan that Walgreens already has in place, so it does not detract from the character of the community and the intent of the roadway's name.

Sincerely,

Steven Contente
Town Administrator



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Squatter rescued from harbor

Warren native taken off mooring last Thursday

BY TED HAYES

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He had no fuel, no money and very little food. Stuck aboard his makeshift home — a decrepit quahog skiff and beaten-up sailboat tethered to a mooring at the head of Bristol Harbor — the man was in danger of freezing to death or drowning.

"Larry," a homeless man whose last known address was in Warren, had been squatting in Bristol Har-

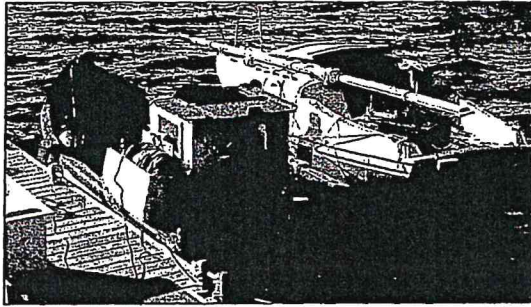
bor for several years. But in recent weeks his situation had deteriorated so much that last week Bristol Harbormaster Joseph Cabral and others decided to finally get him off the water.

Thursday, officials followed through with the help of fisherman Rick Correia, who used his boat to tow Larry's two boats to the harbormaster's dock.

Assistant harbormaster Matthew Calouro helped with the rescue.

"He can be confrontational,"

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These two boats owned by a squatter on Bristol Harbor were towed to shore last Thursday. Their owner was hospitalized.

Infighting leaves Pokanokets in limbo

Internal strife creates rift in Pokanoket Tribe

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A schism within Pokanoket Indian tribal government has shaken the very foundation of the tribe, which claims ancestry in Bristol and surrounding areas dating back hundreds of years.

The tribe's council president, Michael Weeden — who may or may not have been voted out of office two weeks ago — claims the tribe's governing council has been ousted. Meanwhile, council vice president Clifford W. Guy — who may or may not have been kicked out Saturday — claims only Mr. Weeden has been removed from office. At this point, it is unclear who is in charge of the Pokanokets.

Mr. Guy portrays Mr. Weeden as a Machiavellian more interested in governing for his own purposes than those of the tribe. "Mr. Weeden was always trying to create alliances on the council that were meant to divide the council," said Mr. Guy.

Mr. Weeden, however, claims the council was power-hungry and was selling out the Tribe's future for its own selfish goals.

"Again and again I pleaded for unity and provided leadership by example, but they were not about to follow any path but their own."

Though there are plenty of accusations and hard feelings, consensus is nowhere to be found.

Who are they?

The Pokanokets, an indigenous Native American tribe based in Bristol, are a federation of the Wampanoag Nation, which also

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- Antonio C. De Sousa
- Norma E. Doble
- Theresa Francis
- Carmine A. Langello
- Virgil Medeiros
- William F. Mello
- Rita F. Pellegrini
- Anthony G. Stanzone
- Martha J. Timmis
- Charles E. Waddell Jr.

New road dedicated to fallen soldier

Michael Andrade, 28, killed in Iraq in 2003

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Michael Andrade has been gone for three years, but in the hearts and minds of nearly 150 of the late Bristol soldier's friends and family, his memory is very much alive.

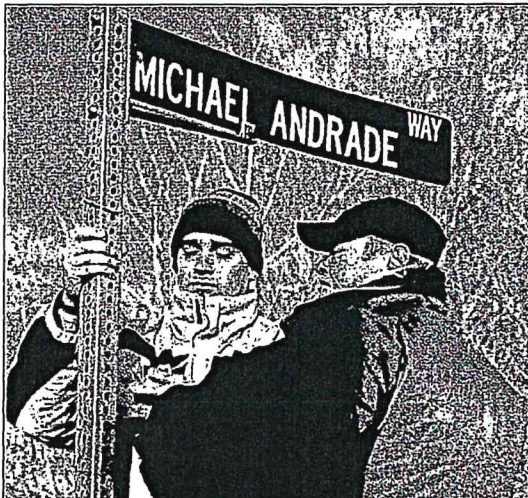
Loved ones gathered Friday in the Walgreens plaza to dedicate a new access road that connects the Stop and Shop Plaza and Walgreens to Gooding Avenue. The road, Michael Andrade Way, was conceived of by former Bristol Town Council Chairman Richard Ruggiero and made possible by Philip Martelli, Walgreens' developer.

It honors Specialist Andrade, who was killed Sept. 24, 2003, when the Humvee in which he was a passenger collided with a fuel tanker truck just north of Baghdad. Specialist Andrade, a member of the Rhode Island National Guard's 115th Military Police Company, was the first East Bay resident killed in Iraq.

Though he died young, Specialist Andrade cut a wide swath in Bristol. Newly married, he was a member of the Bristol Fire and Rescue Department and had volunteered with the Dreadnaught Hook, Ladder and Hose Company #1 since 1993. He was also a member of the Bristol Rescue Squad since 1996.

His parents, Alfred and Mary, were on hand, as were brother, Kevin and sister, Fatima Milhomens. Ms. Milhomens said a few words on behalf of the family after her brother and father lifted a black veil covering the street sign.

"From the bottom of my heart, I can't thank you enough," she said. "This community has done so



ABOVE: Clergy and members of Michael Andrade's family bow their heads as his sister, Fatima Milhomens (right) says a few remarks about her late brother. From left are St. Elizabeth's Church Pastor Jared Costanza and the late soldier's parents, Alfred and Mary Andrade. LEFT: Michael Andrade's brother Kevin, and father Alfred, unveil the new street sign dedicated Friday on Gooding Avenue. "Michael Andrade Way" will provide Gooding Avenue drivers with direct access to Walgreens and Stop and Shop.