



MUNICIPAL SERVICES, FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Council Chambers B, Keene City Hall
May 25, 2022
6:00 PM

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Charles Redfern - Request for Signage Identifying Trails
2. Councilor Thomas Powers - Renaming the Keene Recreation Center to the Brian A. Mattson Keene Recreation Center
Resolution R-2022-20

B. MORE TIME ITEMS

1. Request that Railroad Square be Designated a Smoke Free Zone

NON PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

May 6, 2022

To the Honorable Mayor & City Council
Keene City Hall
3 Washington Street
Keene, NH 03431

Re: Request for Signage Identifying Trails

After 2 years seeking to have signs placed on each side of the North & South Bridges, I believe I found a way to achieve placement of such signs to identify the Rail Trails, which cross the bypass highways. These trails are known as the Cheshire Rail Trail-North and Ashuelot Rail Trail.

My inquiry started in the year 2020 with the NH Department of Transportation, which indicated an interest in assisting me with navigating the proper channels for the fabrication and installation of the signs. However, before I reached my second milestone within NHDOT, Covid 19 hit and the state's highway sign shop was closed until further notice.

Accordingly, I turned to the City of Keene Public Works Department for advice and consent. After providing Kurt Blomquist with the details provided as exhibits to this letter, I was told the city could do the work, but only after the end of winter. He stated this matter could be re-addressed in the coming spring.

After the ground thawed, I reapproached the director to request that the city begin the sign process, anew either through the NHDOT (as Windham had for the Granite State Trail) or Keene Public Works. However, he replied the operating budget took a hit and turned flat. I noted that all 4 signs could be fabricated and installed by the state for less than \$900 (in 2021 dollars). Also, he asked who would be responsible for maintaining and repairs of these signs.

Please note that a citizen of the Town of Windham, who advocated for such signs did not appear to encounter the same pushback from town officials. The signs were installed by NHDOT in less than six months.

It should be noted the volume of traffic that pass under these two bridges every day. It is reasonable to assume that many folks could revisit our city as tourists, who maybe interested in our growing trail system.

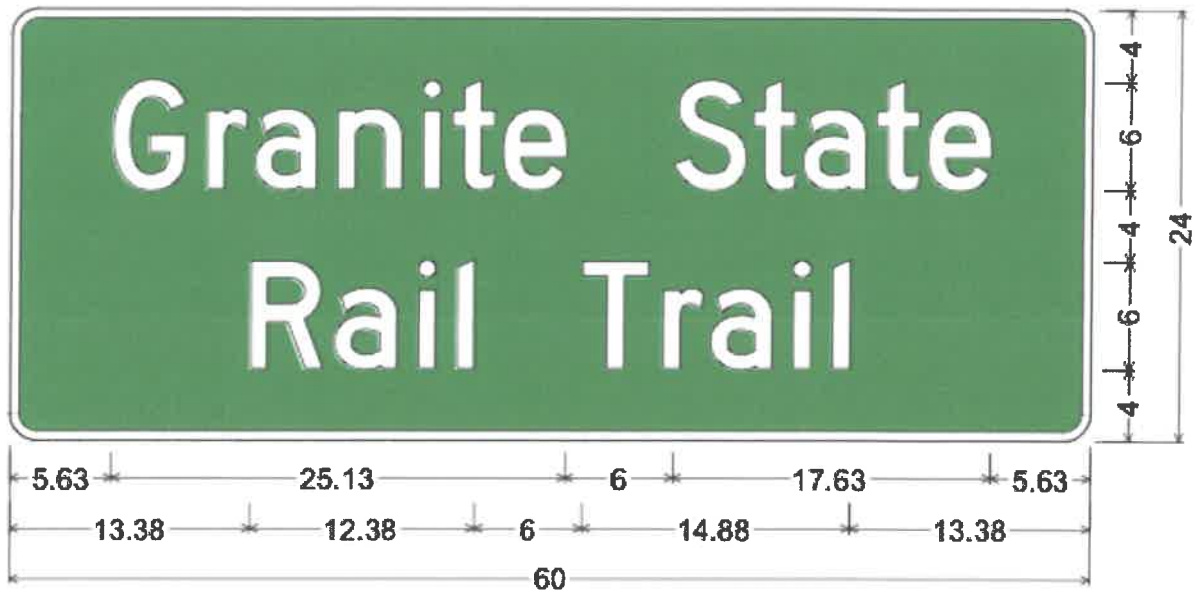
For this reason, I am turning to a collectively wise and honorable group of citizens who practically volunteer their time to the advancement of our community. As you ponder this simple request, I hope to be able to answer any questions you may have at the appropriate committee level.

Best regards to all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Redfern", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles Redfern,
9 Colby Street
Keene, N.H.

Exhibits:



I-2_VARx18;

1.50" Radius, 0.50" Border, White on Green;

"Granite State", D 2K; "Rail Trail", D 2K;



April 15, 2022

The Honorable Mayor and Keene City Council
3 Washington Street
Keene, NH 03431

RE: Naming the Parks and Recreation Center in
Honor of Brian A. Mattson

This letter is an official request that the Keene City Council rename the City Recreation Center in honor of Brian A. Mattson. The process and criteria that the City Council considers in naming a public facility after a specific individual was established by Ordinance O-1996-20. The criteria includes that the qualifying facility be under the ownership and funded through the City; and that the individual being considered must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- An individual who has had a major involvement in the acquisition or development of the facility.
- A well-known community leader, either elected, appointed or a volunteer
- An individual who has positively influenced a large populace of the city through a significant contribution of money, time, material or land.
- An individual whose civic leadership or volunteerism clearly has contributed to the betterment of the city.
- An individual who is deceased and whose personal attributes symbolized the principles and standards of a community organization.

As it relates to the above criteria, the Keene Recreation Center is a public facility and is owned by the City of Keene. In his capacity as the Director of Parks and Recreation, Brian Mattson played a major role in the development of the facility and he was the guiding force in the planning, building and the successful opening of the Keene Recreation Center as we know it today.

Brian was an employee of the City of Keene for almost 40 years. During that time he was a key contributor and played a significant role in the success of youth programs, senior citizens programs, city pathways, basketball programming and the downtown skate park.

During his tenure, his efforts benefitted a large segment of the community whether the program involved the Keene Senior Center, the Special Olympics or the Keene Kiwanis Club. All of the programs that Brian spearheaded made the Keene community a better place for all who live, work and play here.

Brian A. Mattson was an individual whose outstanding leadership, dedication and volunteer efforts have contributed to the betterment of the community and the lives of many of Keene's residents.

He meets not just one, but all five criteria outlined in the Ordinance.

Therefore the renaming of the Keene Recreation Center to the *Brian A. Mattson Keene Recreation Center* is a fitting and permanent testament to the contributions of the man who gave so much to the Keene community.

This request is being made by the undersigned on behalf of many citizens and local organizations.



Thomas F. Powers

ARTICLE IV. - NAMING PUBLIC FACILITIES

Sec. 82-96. - Process.

In naming a public facility after an individual, the name of the individual and designated facility must be submitted by a citizen, local organization or city department to the municipal services, facilities and infrastructure committee of the city council. Any favorable decision by the municipal services, facilities and infrastructure committee will be sent to the city council for approval. Names approved by the city council will be memorialized by a resolution, which shall be presented to the individual or family members.

(Code 1970, § 2901.1)

Sec. 82-97. - Criteria.

- (a) In naming a public facility after an individual, qualifying facilities must be under the ownership of and funded through the city.
- (b) The criteria for naming a facility after an individual will require that at least one of the following requirements is fulfilled:
 - (1) A well-known community leader, either elected, appointed or volunteer.
 - (2) A person who has positively influenced a large populace of the city through a significant contribution of money, time, material or land.
 - (3) An individual who has had a major involvement in the acquisition or development of the facility.
 - (4) An individual whose civic leadership or volunteerism clearly has contributed to the betterment of the city.
 - (5) An individual who is deceased and whose personal attributes symbolized the principles and standards of a community organization.

(Code 1970, § 2901.1)

Secs. 82-98—82-125. - Reserved.



CITY OF KEENE

R-2022-20

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand andTwenty-two.....

A RESOLUTIONRELATING TO THE BRIAN A. MATTSON PARKS AND RECREATION CENTER.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Keene, as follows:

WHEREAS: In naming a public facility after an individual, the name of the individual and the designated facility must be submitted by a citizen, local organization or city department to the Municipal Services, Facilities and Infrastructure Committee of the Keene City Council; and

WHEREAS: the name of Brian A. Mattson has been submitted as a citizen who is a well-known community member and a dedicated public servant, having been an employee of the City of Keene for almost 40 years between 1970 through 2009 and having served as Parks and Recreation Director effective June 1977 until January 2010; and

WHEREAS: Brian A. Mattson was the guiding force in the planning, building and the successful opening of the Keene Recreation Center as we know it today; and

WHEREAS: Brian A. Mattson has played a major role in the life of this community, with his insight into the area's needs leading to quality parks and recreation programming being offered and many important capital projects around the City being completed during his tenure; and

WHEREAS: Brian A. Mattson has demonstrated both civic leadership and volunteerism, both of which have clearly contributed to the betterment of the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Keene Recreation Center at 312 Washington Street be named in the honor of Brian A. Mattson.

George S. Hansel, Mayor

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