## Establishing Memorials at the Library



The authority of library boards for the custody and management of all library property owned by the town is established in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 78: Section 11. <a href="https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXII/Chapter78/Section11">https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXII/Chapter78/Section11</a> As such, the Forbush Memorial Library Board of Trustees is responsible for the approval and placement of memorial objects, artwork, signs, sculptures, banners, benches, trees or other plantings, fountains, detached structures, and walls in or on any land or facility under Library Trustee jurisdiction.

In the spirit of cooperation with the Town of Westminster's Select Board and/or Memorial Committee, should any of the above be accepted by the Board of Trustees, the Board Chairperson will notify the Select Board and/or Memorial Committee in writing of any memorials (etc.) accepted, named, or renamed.

The following criteria shall apply for acceptance or naming of memorials:

- 1. The Board of Trustees shall determine the appropriateness of and vote to accept a memorial at a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Board.
- 2. Memorials in the library proper or on its property will typically honor people or events in some way connected with the library, e.g., employees, trustees, volunteers, or momentous occasions.
- 3. Sufficient funds and space must be available to maintain the memorial.
- 4. If a memorial is deemed no longer appropriate, its removal shall be voted on by the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting, and appropriate Town boards and/or committees shall be notified in writing.
- 5. Living memorials shall exist for the life of the memorial only.
- 6. The Board of Trustees will adhere to MGL Chapter 78: Section 11 (above).
- 7. The Board of Trustees shall be mindful of (but not governed by) the Town's *Policy for the Naming of Public Land and Facilities and Placement of Memorials* passed March 1, 2010, by the Select Board.