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SOMERSET PLAYGROUND & RECREATION MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM

In 2019 the Somerset Playground and Recreation Commission has established a Memorial Bench Program to maintain and provide a sustained bench program throughout its parks and playgrounds. The program offers existing donors the opportunity to adopt and donate a bench designed for a coastal environment and consistent with the surrounding landscape. This program will also provide new donors an opportunity, if available to choose from locations within town to adopt a bench where benches have had to be replaced due to maintenance issues and/or have been deemed unsafe. The Somerset Memorial Bench Program provides residents and organizations the ability to recognize and honor others through a lasting tribute. The bench contribution made through this program will benefit the playgrounds and parks program while providing much needed site amenities to park and beach users for years to come.

Location: The Playground and Recreation Department presently has twelve [8 locations throughout town;

Pierce Beach and Playground
O'Neill Field
Leahy Playground
South Field Complex
Hillside Ave Playground
Pottersville Field
Ashton Field
Village School Playground

The style of the bench has been selected by the Department based on the location history, environmental issues and consistency with the landscape.

Commemorative Plaque: Each donation will be recognized by a 2” x 10 “ cast plaque in honor, in memory or other suitable language approved by the Recreation Department. The plaque can include verbiage of up to 4 lines of approximately 46 characters and spaces per line.

Maintenance: The Recreation Department will maintain the bench throughout the life of the bench. For the integrity and manufacturer warranty of each bench the donor will not be allowed to provide any maintenance or enhancements to the bench, doing so voids the agreement with the donor.

Bench Life Expectancy: Based on information from the bench suppliers it is agreed by the donor and Parks Department that the reasonable life expectancy of each park bench purchased will be fifteen [15] years. If and when replacement of either bench is necessary, the original donor or family members will be provided an opportunity for “first right of refusal” before an existing location is offered to a new donor.

* If and when the bench has been damaged beyond repair due to a weather related or other horrific incident the Towns Insurance provider will be contacted for the first event for replacement. If after repair or replacement the bench is damaged again in a similar event, it will be the responsibility of the donor to decide to pay to replace the bench or surrender the location.*

Price: The price of the bench as of this date and based upon current price guidelines is \$700. The price includes purchase and installation.