



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR  
**PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES**



New Bedford City Council  
City Hall  
133 Williams Street  
New Bedford, Ma 02740

March 19, 2019

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee on Memorials and Dedications:

Thank you for your consideration of the attached application for a memorial bench and plaque. I would like to notify you of a pending matter before our department regarding the tree that Ms Susan Pimentel had donated about two years ago, which is where she would like the bench sited.

This tree was planted by DPI without notifying Parks, Recreation & Beaches or the Friends of Buttonwood Park. Neither was the Buttonwood Park Master Plan consulted in determining the location of the tree. As a result, our department will be working with DPI and the Friends of the Park group to move the tree to a location suitable to the Master Plan. We are working with the Friends to identify multiple locations where the tree and the bench would be appropriate.

It is our intention to establish a plan to execute this work with DPI and identify potential sites for the tree and bench prior to speaking with Ms Pimentel, that way we can present her with the good news of her memorial bench approval at the same time as delivering the unpleasant news that her tree must be relocated. We also want to ensure we have as many answers for her as possible when she is notified. Her generous donation is very much appreciated and we hope to keep the stress of working through this situation at a minimum, and that requires both departments and the Friends of the Park working together on the same page.

The Committee may contact our office if they require additional information.

Respectfully,

**IN CITY COUNCIL, March 28, 2019**

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications.

Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk

a true copy, attest:  
  
City Clerk

Customized Plaque

# Application

Donor Name: Susan Pimentel

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: New Bedford, MA 02744

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: Susan.Pimentel@townsquaremedia.com

Donated in memory of/honor of: Derek Pimentel

Text to display on plaque (optional): In loving memory of Derek Pimentel

Send a note of acknowledgement to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: same as above

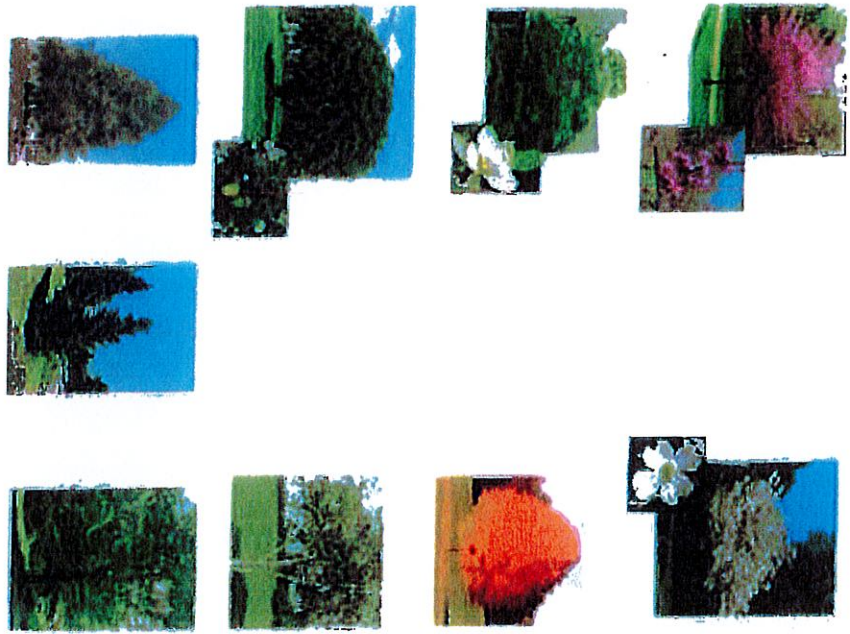
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to City of  
New Bedford

## Tree - \$400+

Please know that the cost of your tree depends on the variety and size. Examples:



## Bench - \$750+

The style of your bench will be chosen based on the park in which it is to be located, consistent with the parks current standard.

## Plaque - (optional)

With approval of the Park Board, applicants will purchase their bench plaque through the authorized vendor. Plaque material, font, and style will conform to the City standard.

# ORIGINAL



In addition to or in lieu of a plaque, your generous donation will be celebrated on the City of New Bedford Parks Recreation & Beaches webpage.

Concerning benches, the life of your memorial is intended to correspond with the useful life of the park bench -- about ten (10) years. The Department is not responsible for damaged or missing plaques. Permanency of your memorial cannot be guaranteed and memorials and plaques will not be replaced at the cost of the Department.

The Department is not responsible for the damage of benches or trees, or damaged/missing plaques. The Department reserves the right to relocate a bench if the use of the site changes or to ensure visitor safety. Trees are guaranteed for one (1) year from installation.

Application ID #: <u>005</u>
Date of Submission: <u>3/13/19</u>
Received By: <u>Amberley</u>