

To; Town of Stratham

From; Daniel L Coffey

I am writing to the town of Stratham in regards to the small park area at the end of River Rd in Stratham, NH and the neighbor that abuts this park.

The neighbor I am speaking of is Dorothy Clemons. Dorothy is currently the oldest living person in the town of Stratham at the age of 99, she is due to turn 100 years old this year on September 17. Dorothy has been residing on River Rd in Stratham since 1976. Her first residence was at the top of the hill on River Rd, for the past 30 years she has called 72 River Rd her home, which abuts the small Town of Stratham Park at the end of River Rd.

Dorothy is an incredible woman with a lovely and dynamic personality. Dorothy's life stories are endless and filled with laughter and treasures to be carried on for future generations.

I am writing this letter in hopes of honoring Dorothy Clemons's life by naming the small-town park at the end of River Rd in her name. I believe naming town the town park, Dorothy Clemons River Road Park would be a beautiful way to remember a woman who has all the endearing qualities that Stratham cherishes.

I look forward to working with the Town of Stratham in observing the life of Dorothy Clemons.

Thank You, Sincerely

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To; The Neighbors of River Rd, Stratham NH

I am writing this letter to the neighbors of River Rd, Stratham NH in hopes of gaining your support in naming the park area at the end of River Rd in Dorothy Clemons honor. We met Dorothy Clemons when we were lucky enough to buy the home next door to her at the end of River Road in Stratham in 2018.

Dorothy and her late husband George have lived on River Road in Stratham since the late 1960's. Their family began at the "top" of the road in a lovely home overlooking Scammans' fields. Wanting their friends to be closer to the Squamscott River, the Scammans family offered the Clemons land at the "end" of River Road. Dorothy has called 72 River Rd home for close to 50 years now. She has always taken pride in ensuring Squamscott River and the surrounding areas, including the park at the end of River Rd stay clean and pristine just like they were when she moved to the river.

Dorothy has always been thrilled to see people enjoying the park and the river. She continues to encourage people of Stratham and any guests to enjoy the park for its historical and natural beauty.

To say that our family feels blessed to know Dorothy is an understatement. She has a wealth of historical knowledge of the town of Stratham, and more specifically, River Road. We cherish our visits with her as we learn more and more about what is truly important, especially today - our community.

As she turns 100 this month, we would like to ask the neighbors of River Rd, Stratham NH to consider naming the park at the end of River Road after our good friend, Dorothy Clemons.

We believe naming the town park, Dorothy Clemons River Road Park would be a beautiful way to remember a woman who has all the endearing qualities that Stratham cherishes.

Thank You for Your Support
 Daniel Coffey
 Michaleen Craig
 71 River Rd
 Stratham NH, 03885

1. JAMES FLOCCO 69 River Rd James Flocco
2. Tom DiGiuseppe 65 River Rd Tom DiGiuseppe
3. Matthew Schmidt 59 River Rd Matthew Schmidt
4. John Rice 13 River Rd John Rice
5. Lord Family Steve, Paula, Alex, Michael 55 River Rd Lord Family
6. Tom IRELAND 51 River Rd Tom Ireland
7. Joyce Clarke 37 River Rd Joyce Clarke
8. Cindy Rivers 33 River Rd Cindy Rivers
9. Kye LaForge 12 River Rd Kye LaForge
10. LEE SHERRY 11 River Rd Lee Sherry
11. Sheila Hoyt 26 River Rd Sheila Hoyt
12. Mary Coughlin 28 River Rd Mary Coughlin
13. Stephanie Dobson @ Boat Club Drive Stephanie Dobson
14. Erica Kisver 9 Boat Club Drive Erica Kisver
15. Morgan Coffey 71 River Rd Morgan Coffey
16. Phil Malone 72 River Rd Phil Malone
17. Gary Street 66 River Rd Gary Street
18. Gabby, Shane Bradt 62 River Rd Gabby, Shane Bradt
19. Parvula Pella 54 River Rd Parvula Pella
20. John Moriarty 53 River Rd John Moriarty
21. OLIVERA SMITH 21 River Olivera Smith
22. Stella Scamman 69 Portsmouth Ave Stella Scamman
23. Allison Craig 71 River Road Allison Craig

24. Ruth PAUL 25 River Road

Ruth Paul

25. Claine Frysalis 5-7 River Rd

Claine Frysalis

26. BRUCE CLEMENS 78 RIVER RD

Bruce Clemens

27. MARY E PAUL BARNFORD 2 POND VILLAGE

Mary E Paul

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To: Dorothy Clemons
72 River Rd
Stratham NH, 03885

September 17, 2019

This letter is to ask your permission to name the Stratham town park area at the end of River Rd, with coordinates 43°00'26.6"N 70°56'16.5"W, the Dorothy Clemons River Road Park. We are asking the town of Stratham to name the park in your honor. By signing this letter, you are acknowledging you are in agreement to name the park, the Dorothy Clemons River Road Park.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Clemons". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Dorothy Clemons

Policy Adopted by the Stratham Select Board

August 19, 2019

Town of Stratham

Parks, Areas & Facilities Naming and Dedication Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent approach and procedure to be followed by the Select Board for naming Town owned areas and facilities.

Objective:

Establish a process and set of criteria for approving requests made to the Town regarding naming facilities. Ensure that parks, recreational areas and other Town-owned facilities are easily identified and located. Ensure that given names to Town owned areas and facilities are consistent and reflect positively on Town of Stratham. Encourage public participation in the naming, renaming and dedication of these facilities.

Definition:

Town-owned areas and facilities includes all property assets under the Town of Stratham ownership including, but not limited to buildings, structures, open space, public parks, natural areas and land.

Criteria:

The policy of the Town of Stratham is to name parks, recreation areas and facilities through an adopted process utilizing established criteria emphasizing community values and character, local history, geography, environmental, civics and service to the community.

1. The following criteria shall be used in determining the appropriateness of the naming designation:

- a. Geographic Location
- b. Natural Features
- c. A person or place of historical or cultural significance
- d. A person, group or feature particularly identified with the land or facility

2. The process to name parks, recreation areas and facilities should proceed at least 12 months after the Town has acquired title to the land and/or formally accepted the dedication.

4. Names that are similar to existing parks, properties or facilities in the Town should not be considered in order to avoid confusion.

5. The Town reserves the right to change the name to maintain consistency with these policies.

Procedure:

- a. A request for naming of a park, recreational area or facility shall be submitted in writing to the Select Board through the Town Administrator.
 - i. The proposed name
 - ii. Reasons for the proposed name
 - iii. Written documentation indicating community support for the proposed name
 - iv. Description/map showing location and boundaries of the park
 - v. If proposing to name a facility within a park, include a description/ map showing the location of the facility.
 - vi. If proposing to rename a park or facility, include justification for changing an established name.
 - vii. If proposing to name a park or facility after and outstanding person, include documentation that describes their contributions to the Town. Written documentation of approval by next of kin to be honored (if available/ possible) is required as part of the proposal.
- b. Those submitting a naming request should show how the proposed name is consistent with the criteria stated in this policy. Town staff will review the proposal for adherence to the stated criteria and authentication of statements relative to contributions in the case of an individual before forwarding to the Select Board. If the request is incomplete, staff will contact the applicant, in writing, and provide them with the opportunity to resubmit as revised request.
- c. The Select Board will offer the opportunity for public input on the proposed naming during a public hearing noticed in accordance with State law. The Public hearing should take place no sooner than two weeks and no later than 6 weeks following the receipt of an accepted application request.
- d. The Select Board will hold a public meeting to discuss the completed request application. At least two votes will be required, the first to accept the application as complete; and the second, to approve or disapprove the recommendation or take some other action. The second vote (to approve or disapprove the request) shall take place at a meeting subsequent to the public hearing in order to permit additional comment to be submitted.
- e. The Select Board may initiate the naming process in accordance with this policy whenever deemed necessary and/ or in the best interest of the Town.
- f. In the absence of any naming requests, the Select Board shall adhere to the criteria stated in this policy in recommendation of name.
- g. The Town Administrator will be responsible for communicating the Select Board's decision in relation to the naming/renaming within two weeks of such a decision.
- h. Following approval of a name by the Select Board, nothing in this policy shall compel any expenditure or capital project related to replacing or creating new signage. The timing, manner and strategy for affixing appropriate signage shall be at the complete discretion of the Select Board.