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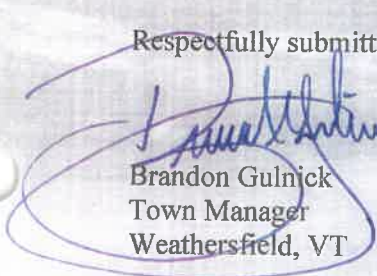
Dear Library Board of Trustees, et al,

On March 17, 2021, the Tenney Memorial Tree was removed after an arborist determined the tree was a safety hazard. This was the last standing Maple Tree on Romaine Tenney's Farm, and many residents in Town identified it as a Memorial. Following many meetings with relatives of Romaine Tenney, we developed a project at the Ascutney Park & Ride where the memorial tree was standing and requested the state grant the Town of Weathersfield \$30,000 to pay for this project. The State awarded the Town \$30,000, and we moved the project to completion, converting an area in the Ascutney Park & Ride to the Romaine Tenney Memorial Park. IF you have not already visited it, please take a ride over there. A pavilion was put in place that includes 2 picnic tables and a memorial display board. The tree stump was preserved, and flowers surround it. The Weathersfield Gardening Club was established, and they added it to their annual flower maintenance plan.


When the Romaine Tenney Memorial Tree was cut down by Ted Knox Tree Services, the tree was transported to Christian Huebner, who milled out the logs into boards. The boards were then transported to Scott Duffy at Rockledge Farm Woodworks and carved into memorials for remaining Tenney relatives. Following several conversations with Library Director Mark Richardson, we decided to have a chess board carved from the Romaine Tenney Memorial Tree for the Weathersfield Proctor Library. The chess board was hand carved by Rockledge Farm Woodworks, and we ask that the Weathersfield Proctor Library keep the Chess Board at the Library in perpetuity for residents of the Town of Weathersfield to play Chess on and discuss the history of the Town.

MOTION: To accept the Romaine Tenney Memorial Chess Board and agree to keep it at the Weathersfield Proctor Library in Perpetuity, and to allow residents to use the chess board in the Romaine Tenney Memorial Park, provided that the Library Director OR Library Board of Trustees Chair is the opponent.

Respectfully submitted,


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