

TOWN OF WEST WARWICK

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL**

NO. 2024-27

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT IN MAINTAINING
ADEQUATE SERVICES BY THE RI PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY IN WEST
WARWICK**

WHEREAS; The Town Council has recognized the need to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS; Access to transportation is vital to maintain community, family and individual health and wellbeing for acquiring nourishment, health care, employment, and other critical needs; and

WHEREAS; The RI Public Transit Authority is proposing the adjustment and/or the elimination of select services and/or routes in the Town of West Warwick that would adversely affect our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the Town of West Warwick hereby requests the assistance of our State's legislators to review the financial and operational needs of the RI Public Transit Authority and facilitate the proper needs assessment for our various cities and towns, specifically the Town of West Warwick.

PASSED AND RESOLVED THIS 5th DAY OF MARCH 2024.

APPROVED: David Goselin Jr.
DAVID GOSSELIN, JR., TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED: Sarah Rapose
SARAH RAPOSE, CMC, TOWN CLERK

**TOWN OF WEST WARWICK
RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 2024-28**

**RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE INTERSECTIONS OF MAIN STREET WITH
LEGRIS AVENUE AND WEST WARWICK AVENUE (RI ROUTE 117) AS VETERANS
SQUARE**

WHEREAS; The Town Council has acknowledged its authority to identify and recognize service to our country, state, and town; and

WHEREAS; Many community members have served and sacrificed as members of our armed forces; and

WHEREAS; the intersections of Main Street with Legris Avenue and West Warwick Avenue should be formally recognized as Veterans Square;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the Town of West Warwick hereby acknowledges the service and sacrifices of our community members who have served our country in our armed forces by naming the intersections of Main Street with Legris Avenue and West Warwick Avenue as Veterans Square.

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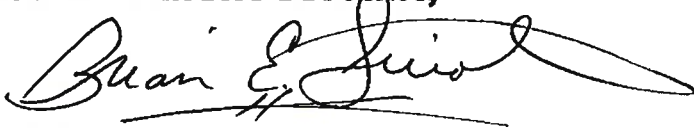
To: Mr. Mark A. Knott - West Warwick – Town Manager
From: Brian Edmund Guiot
Local Historian
Member of the Pawtuxet Valley Historical Society & Paine House Museum in Coventry.

7-2-2023

Sir,
I was asked by Mr. Jerry Tellier – President of the Pawtuxet Valley Historical Society to see if I could assist him. He was trying to get information for you on how Veterans Square in Centreville received its name for you. Jerry knows that I'm his go to guy when it comes to local history and especially local military history topics my favorite subject.

Mr. Knott, here is some information for you on this topic. If you need any further information from me, please feel free to call me on my cell phone at 317-8195 or my email address is bg-civilwar@verizon.net. Always willing to help you in any way that I can, history wise. Also, please see my Facebook page titled: Brian West Warwick & Coventry History. I post a ton of local history on that site.

Your obedient servant,



Brian Edmund Guiot
Guiot Cemetery Monument Company
16 Blossom Street
West Warwick, Rhode Island
02893

ights to why Veterans Square was located in Centreville!

Brian Edmund Guiot Pawtuxet Valley Historical Society & Paine House Museum
Coventry Rhode Island member – July 2, 2023

Usually if someone has a question about our military past, eventually it gets to me to try to find the answers. I've been studying local history and especially the valley's military history for at least 40 years and I'm happy to help out on this topic.

1. Veterans of Foreign Wars Langevin Post # 449 was located there where the old Centreville Fire Station was and after the fire station closed, Leo St. Onge a local business man and World War 1 veteran purchased the old Centreville fire station in 1928 to be a Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. Later the VFW Post # 449 moved to Riverpoint on top of the hill behind the Royal Mill. A laundromat was the last business to be located in the old building, then it was torn down. No building is on the lot at present, just a small monument to the memory of the World War 2 soldiers who attended Christ the King Church. The monument was paid by the Boy Scouts troop from Christ the King Church. A large flagpole was installed a couple of years ago on Veterans Square by Tom Noret and the West Warwick Veterans Council coordinated flag pole in Centerville. Donald Cunningham, Post 2 Arctic was the commander of the post during that time. He may have more information for you.

Veterans Square Diner, Veterans Square Market & Veterans Square Produce took their names after Veteran's Square. The square is location to where the Centreville fire station once was. VFW Post #449 & American Legion Post 2 Arctic were both started by local World War 1 veterans.

2. American Legion Post 2 first met in the Knight of Columbus building in Arctic where the Shell Gas Station is now. That's why it's called that area in town "Columbus Square". They legionnaires moved across the street to where they meet now. Where the monuments are located on their grounds was called the Arctic Green back then. The grounds and the road were altered differently to what you see now in that area behind the police station. Legion Way was added. Post 2 moved into their present location in 1930.

Leo St. Onge Sr.

World War 1 –Doughboy Soldier

Birthplace: Birmingham, Alabama

Born: Jan 31, 1891

Died: Jan 30, 1984

Family Members

Wife: Loretta

Son: Paul

Son Leo Jr.

Residence: Coventry, Rhode Island

Occupation: Store Owner

St. Onge Men's & Boy's Store

**West Warwick, Cranston, Warwick
and Westerly, Rhode Island locations.**

Cemetery: St. Joseph

West Warwick, Rhode Island

Military Service:

Pvt. U.S Army – Army Expeditionary Forces

Army Service Corps 3rd Company



Leo was a World War 1 veteran of the Army Expeditionary Forces. He served in France. Army Service Corps. 3rd Company. After the war he was an active member of the American Legion Post 2 and the Sargent David Langevin Post # 449 VFW both in West Warwick. He purchase the former Centreville Fire station at the Veteran Square in 1928 and gave it to the Sergeant David Langevin VFW Post # 449 which they met for years. The building is no longer. He built an enemy airplane watchtower on his property at Knotty Oak Road in Coventry during World War 2. The local Civilian Defense volunteer workers used it. Mr. St. Onge was a true "American Patriot" in every aspect of the word. Information by: Brian Edmund Guiot

Leo St. Onge Obituary

Leo St. Onge Sr., 92, dies; longtime clothing merchant

Providence Journal (RI) - Tuesday, January 31, 1984

Leo A. St. Onge Sr., 92, longtime owner of the former St. Onge's men's and boys' stores, and one of the merchant princes of Arctic in its heyday, died yesterday at the Brentwood Nursing Home, Warwick. He was the husband of the late Loretta (Soulliere) St. Onge.

Born in Birmingham, Ala., he was a son of the late Stanislas and Delia (Precourt) St. Onge.

His father operated a clothing store in Birmingham for Chalifoux & Co., for which he had earlier managed stores in Lowell, Mass., and Manchester, N.H.

His mother died when he was 18 months old, and his father eventually returned to Lowell, where he had once worked in a textile mill in the 1870s after migrating from Canada. His father moved to West Warwick, remarried and, with a \$2,000 stake, opened the Star Clothing Co., across from St. John's Church on what is now Washington Street, Arctic, in 1894.

When he was 31, Leo St. Onge Sr. took over the operation, which became St. Onge's, on his father's death in 1922. In his turn later, he handed over the business to his sons, Paul, who died in 1965, and Leo St. Onge Jr., who survives him. He retired from business in 1962.

St. Onge's at one time also had stores in Garden City, Westerly and Midland Mall. In its heyday - before the major malls opened nearby in Warwick - Arctic was the major shopping center for central Rhode Island.

Even when he was 90, the elder St. Onge drove his car daily to the business headquarters, 1227 Main St., Arctic, to keep in touch with retail operations. There, he would greet other Arctic merchants, "How's business, you liar?"

He loved antique cars and was particularly proud of his fire-engine red 1918 Overland touring car, a 1925 Pierce-Arrow and a 1929 Marmon "with a straight eight."

After 87 years of retailing operations, the Arctic store - the last of the chain - closed in 1981.

Leo St. Onge Jr., then president, said inflation, stiff competition from the chain

department stores and a disastrous fire that destroyed the main store in West Warwick in 1972 contributed to the closing.

The rebuilding of the store lifted the spirits of Arctic, but the investment in the declining retail center was more than the profits from the other stores could carry, he said.

The fact that Leo St. Onge Jr.'s three sons, Gregg, Gary and Leo III had other plans, and no interest in running the stores, also contributed to the decision to close, he said.

Leo St. Onge Sr., who had advised against rebuilding in Arctic after the fire, suffered a stroke last June and had been in the Greenwood Nursing Home, Warwick, until his recent hospitalization.

He was a charter member of West Warwick Lions Club. An Army veteran of the American Expeditionary Forces, he served in France in World War I, and had been active until recent years in the West Warwick Post 2, American Legion, and the Sgt. David Langevin Post 449, VFW. He bought the former Centerville Fire Station at Veterans Square in 1928, and gave it to the VFW Post, which met there for years.

In the early days of the former Warwick and Coventry Fire Departments, he served as a volunteer with the Centerville Hose 2. He had also served as a member of the board of managers of the former Union Trust Company, later Industrial National Bank and Fleet National Bank, for 40 years. He was a member of the old Flat River Club, Coventry, the Narragansett Gun Club, the Pawtuxet Valley Old Timers Association, the Grunt Club, a group of prominent Pawtuxet Valley men who get together regularly to play cards, and the former Pawtuxet Valley Board of Trade. He was a member of the original board of trustees of Kent County Memorial Hospital. He had also established camperships for needy Boy Scouts.

Besides his son he leaves a brother, Carl St. Onge of Warwick; a sister, Marita Morin of Riverside; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

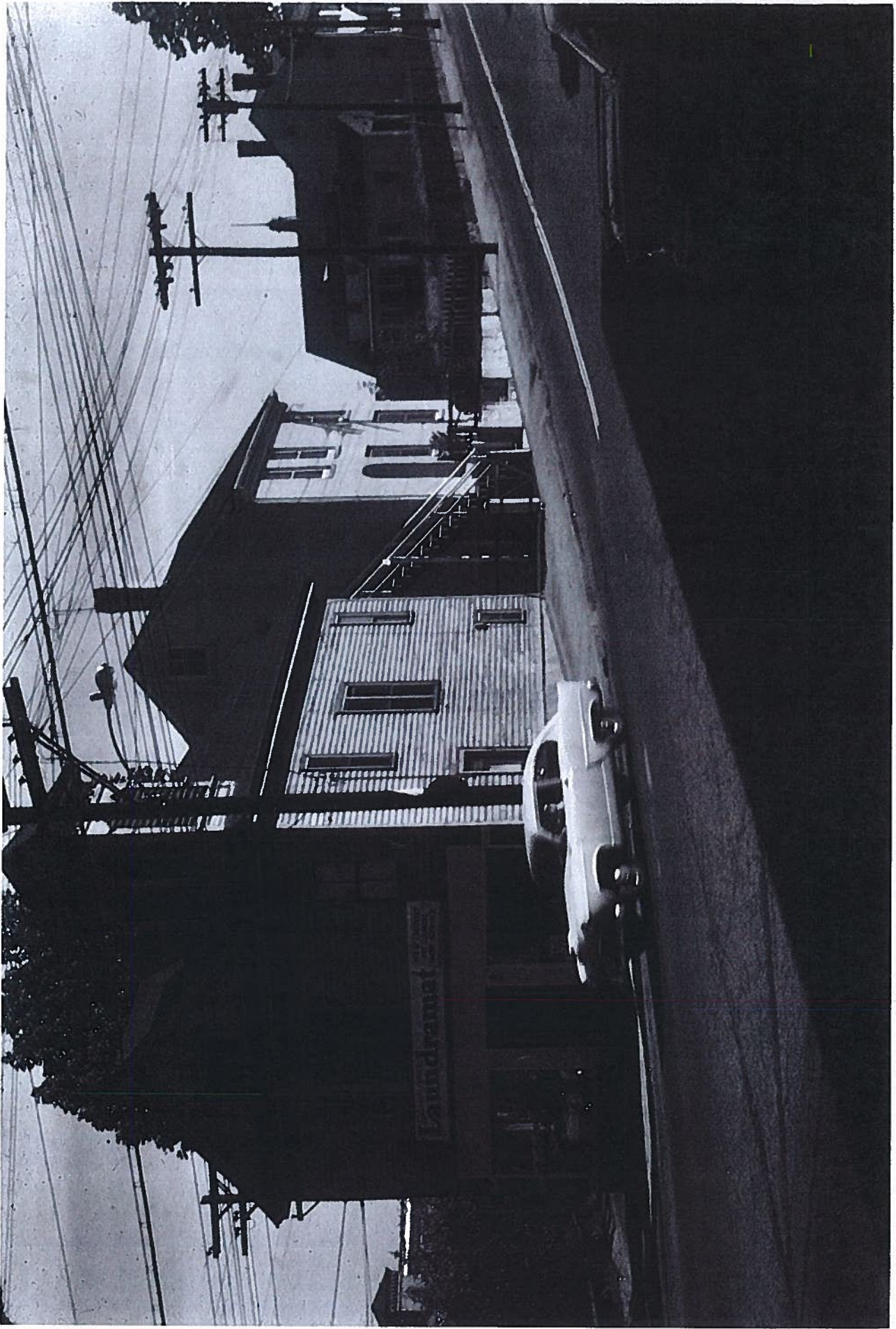
The funeral will be held tomorrow at 9 a.m. from the Raoul G. Henault & Son Funeral Home, 5 Eddy St., with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 at St. John's Church, Washington Street, Arctic. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Arctic.

Centreville Fire Station:



c 1131 - The Square, Centreville, K. I.





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Jerry Tallier photograph

Laundromat

former Fire Station + VFW Post

PAWTUXET VALLEY

TAXPAYERS VOTE TO SELL STATION IN CENTREVILLE

Pawtuxet Valley Office, } Tri.
The Evening Bulletin, } Valley
Smith Bldg., Arctic, } 182 or 575.

Escaping by the narrow margin of one vote the defeat opposition leaders contend awaits them in the Supreme Court, the administration forces succeeded, at a special meeting of the taxpayers of the Warwick and Coventry fire district, last evening, in St. John's Hall, Arctic, in securing the passage of a resolution authorizing the board of fire wardens to sell the Centreville fire station at either private sale or public auction. The ballot vote stood 30 for and 29 against the adoption of the measure authorizing the sale which was introduced by Senator Alberic A. Archambault.

Immediately after the Moderator had announced the result, those in the Centreville contingent at the meeting who are opposed to the sale of the fire station in that village, passed the hat and secured the nucleus of a fund that is to be used in retaining counsel to take the necessary steps to secure a decision by the Supreme Court on the legality of the meeting.

The resolution as adopted follows:

"Voted: The Board of Fire Wardens is directed to sell the Centreville fire station and the land on which it stands, at private sale for cash for not less than \$4500 on or before May 15, 1925. If said sale shall not have taken place before May 16, 1925, said Board of Fire Wardens shall sell said real estate at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, said public auction to take place between June 1, 1925 and June 15, 1925.

"If said real estate be sold at public auction, said Board of Fire Wardens shall cause notice of such auction sale to be given in the Pawtuxet Valley Daily Times, the Evening Bulletin, the Providence News

and the Providence Tribune, said notice to appear three times in each of said papers prior to the date of sale.

"The deed of the Warwick and Coventry Fire District signed by three or more members of the Board of Fire Wardens shall be a sufficient deed to convey all the right, title and interest which the Warwick and Coventry Fire District has in and to the Centreville fire station and the land on which it stands, however, said land may be described."

A. A. ARCHAMBAULT URGES SALE

The meeting was called to order shortly after 7:30 o'clock by the moderator, Serenue Archambault. The published notice calling for the meeting was read by the clerk. Senator Archambault, administration floor leader, immediately introduced and moved the passage of the foregoing resolution, and opened the debate by expressing regret that there was not a larger attendance of taxpayers. He reviewed the action taken at the annual meeting when a vote was adopted appointing a special committee to inquire into the advisability of selling the Centreville fire station and in authorizing the Board of Fire Wardens to call a special district meeting to act upon the matter 30 days

of the special committee.

Replying to a statement made by Miss Theresa Nolan, who said that she had been informed that the fire district could not sell the land upon which the fire station stands and that this land would revert to the original owners or their heirs when the district ceased to use it for fire protection purposes, Senator Archambault said that he had examined the deed and had found that the district holds the land in fee simple and that the district's title to the land is therefore absolute. He said that the queer thing about the deed is that it does not describe the land by metes and bounds as is usually the case, but conveys to the district the fire station at Centreville and the land upon which it stands. He said that all of two sides of the property and three-quarters of the third side are wholly upon the street and that the fourth side is bounded by the property of the owners of the old Centreville Bank property.

He said that the Centreville fire station had been built before the days of the automobile, at a time when it was believed to be impracticable to draw fire apparatus for long distances. He said that the motorization of the apparatus of the fire district had changed conditions and that the Centreville fire station is no longer an essential in providing proper fire protection for the Centreville section of the district. "The station has ceased to be useful for fire fighting purposes," he declared.

Digressing a bit from the main theme of his address, Senator Archambault said that while he had at first been in favor of the assumption by the town of West Warwick of the task of providing protection against fire, he was now opposed to town control of the fire department administration which he declared would be impractical if not impossible. He said that when the Warwick and Coventry Fire District was organized little attention was given to town lines, and that in consequence the Warwick and Coventry District includes portions of Coventry and of Warwick, as well as a large area in West Warwick. He said that if the town of West Warwick should take over the task of providing fire protection for that part of the Warwick and Coventry District that is in that town, those taxpayers whose property is in the Coventry or the Warwick sections of the present district and who have been paying fire tax for years, should have their rights respected and would have a right to a refund from the town.

He said that the Warwick and Coventry District "should continue to function as such for many years to come and that the meeting should devote itself to consideration of a business proposition from a business viewpoint—what is best for the Warwick and Coventry District.

TO BE SOLD FOR \$4500

He declared that the district should not continue the expense of maintaining the Centreville station if it is not needed. He said that if the property is sold for the minimum amount fixed as a figure to be accepted at private sale, \$4500, the district will be able to pay off its note indebtedness of that amount which has been carried for a number of years. In addition to saving \$270 in interest on this note per year, the district would save \$50 paid for janitor service; \$50 paid for fuel; \$20 paid for electric lights, and \$135 for repairs or depreciation, making a total yearly saving of \$525.

In reply to a question from Senator Archambault, Frank P. Coogan, the district treasurer, said that the note indebtedness of the district at the present time is \$8000. Of this amount \$3000 is a temporary loan negotiated in accordance with a vote adopted at the annual meeting, authorizing the borrowing of a sufficient amount in anticipation of taxes to meet current running expenses, as has been customary for years. He said that there is a note for \$500, the balance due on the motorized hook and ladder equipment, and that the note for \$4500 is an old one that has been carried for years as the balance due on the expenditure in purchasing the

note truck. He said that when the taxes come in, the district can pay off its temporary indebtedness of \$3500, but will still have the "same old note of \$4500."

Senator Archambault said that the sale of the Centreville station would raise enough money to pay off that old debt. He said that the fear held by some that the sale of the fire station at Centreville would result in the abolition of the Centreville fire company is without foundation.

Miss Annie Wade said that she didn't see why the district should get rid of the Centreville fire station "to pay the debts for you Jericho people."

James P. McNeill's, Secretary of the

Pawtuxet Valley Board of Trade, and a former member of the Board of Fire Wardens of the district, questioned the legality of the meeting. He asked the clerk of the district whether he had received a written request signed by 12 taxpayers of the district that a special meeting be called. The clerk replied that he had not, whereupon Mr. McNeill's read section 3 of the by-laws which provides that special meetings of the district shall be called upon a written request signed by at least 12 taxpayers.

He said that the published notice of the meeting set forth that the meeting had been called by the Board of Fire Wardens, and he contended that the Board of Fire Wardens had no right to call a special meeting, inasmuch as the by-laws specify how the special meetings shall be called. He said that the action of the fire wardens in calling the meeting was therefore illegal, and that the meeting not having been called legally was illegal. He said that there is only one way in which to call a special district meeting legally, and that is the way the by-laws provide.

Senator Archambault, in reply, said that the moderator and the taxpayers present were not called upon to decide the equality of the meeting. He said that the supreme body in the district is the taxpayers legally assembled, and he contended that taxpayers thus assembled at the annual meeting had authorized the Board of Fire Wardens to call a special meeting. He said that the annual meeting could have authorized the Board of Fire Wardens or the special investigating committee to sell, if it had seen fit, and that the annual meeting had the same right to authorize the Board of Fire Wardens to call the special meeting as it had to authorize the Board of Fire Wardens to do any single thing. He accused Mr. McNeill's of adroitly attacking the proposition of selling the Centreville fire station by raising a quibble as to the legality of the meeting. He declared that the meeting "is perfectly legal."

MCNEILL'S QUESTIONS TITLE

Mr. McNeill's in rebuttal challenged any of his hearers to say that the Centreville fire station could be bought without a cloud over the title; whether the Title Guarantee Company would give its endorsement to a title and whether the Supreme Court would uphold the purported actions of a meeting not called in accordance with the laws of the district.

Senator Archambault said that Mr. McNeill's in raising questions as to the ability of the fire wardens to give a clear title to the property "is working in the interests of the district as he always has. He is attacking the title." He said that the action of the annual fire district meeting in authorizing the board of fire wardens to call a special district meeting had as a parallel the action of the West Warwick annual town meeting in authorizing

Town Council to call a special town meeting to take action in the matter of purchasing a suitable Town Hall site. He said the cases were exactly parallel and that while no 50 taxpayers had signed any petition to the Town Council asking that the special town meeting be called the council had called the meeting and nobody had questioned the legality of the meeting. "This question is all hosh," Senator Archambault declared.

Mr. McNeill's said that he was "sorry that the gentleman would make such a statement" in relation to the cases being

Both Sides Story

parallel. He said that the statutes empower the Town Council to request the Town Clerk to call a special financial town meeting and also provide that a special town meeting shall be called by the Town Clerk upon written petition signed by a certain percentage of the qualified electors of the town. He said that the statutes also provide that without the consent of the council the Town Clerk cannot issue his call for more than one special financial town meeting in any year to act upon one specific thing.

He said that the charter of the fire district gives the district certain rights among which are the right to make by-laws and that exercising this right the district had enacted a by-law specifying that special district meetings shall be called upon a written request signed by at least 10 taxpayers. The cases therefore were not parallel, he said.

Michael H. Roarke supported the position taken by Mr. McNellis. He said that the district had transacted too much illegal business and contended that the tax resolution adopted at the last annual meeting was open to question as to its legality. "I don't believe that a cent of the tax levied could be collected if the taxpayers resisted payment," he declared. He said that he knows two or three taxpayers whose taxes couldn't be collected for two or three years. He said that he wouldn't give much for Senator Archambault's opinions on questions of legality.

Treasurer Frank P. Cogan, Joseph McMahon, chairman of the Board of Fire Wardens, and Joseph Russell and Joseph Barretto were appointed tellers. When Tax Collector Pierre Soucy first approached the ballot box his name was overlooked on the check list and he was denied the privilege of voting. Later his name was found and his ballot and that of Senator Archambault were the last ones cast.

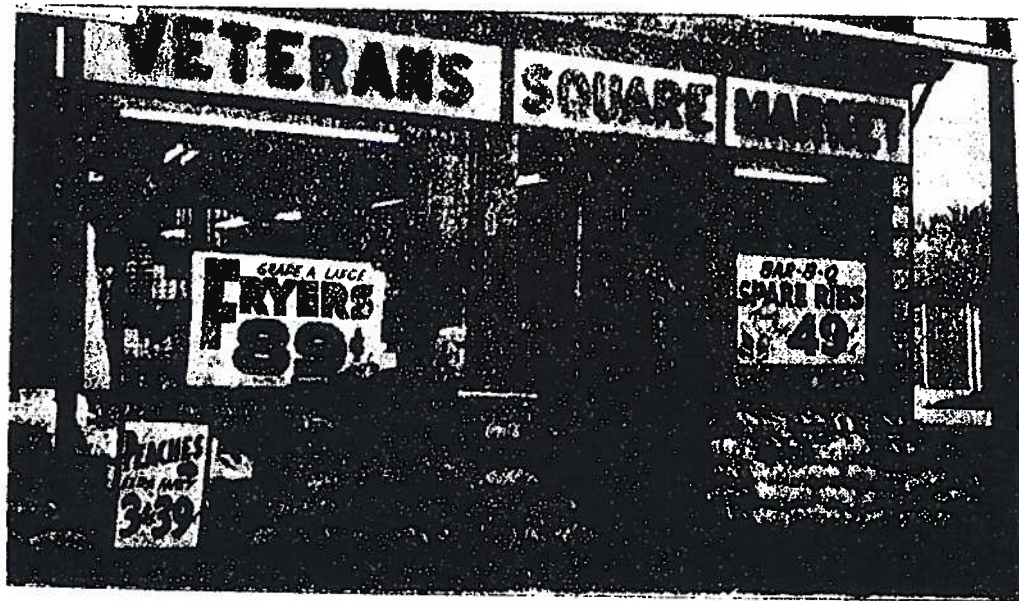
Original building of Veterans Square Market & Veterans Square Fruit & Produce owned by the Roch family. A new Rock's Market & Rock's Produce was built on the corner to where it is today and sadly out of business.

Julie Rock Winwood photo



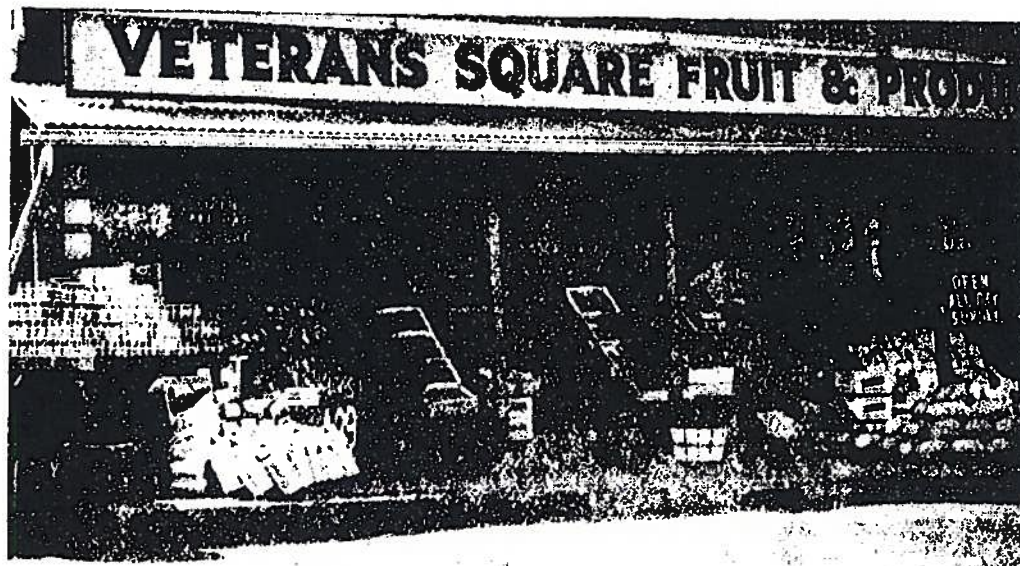


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GERARD E. ROCH, Prop.



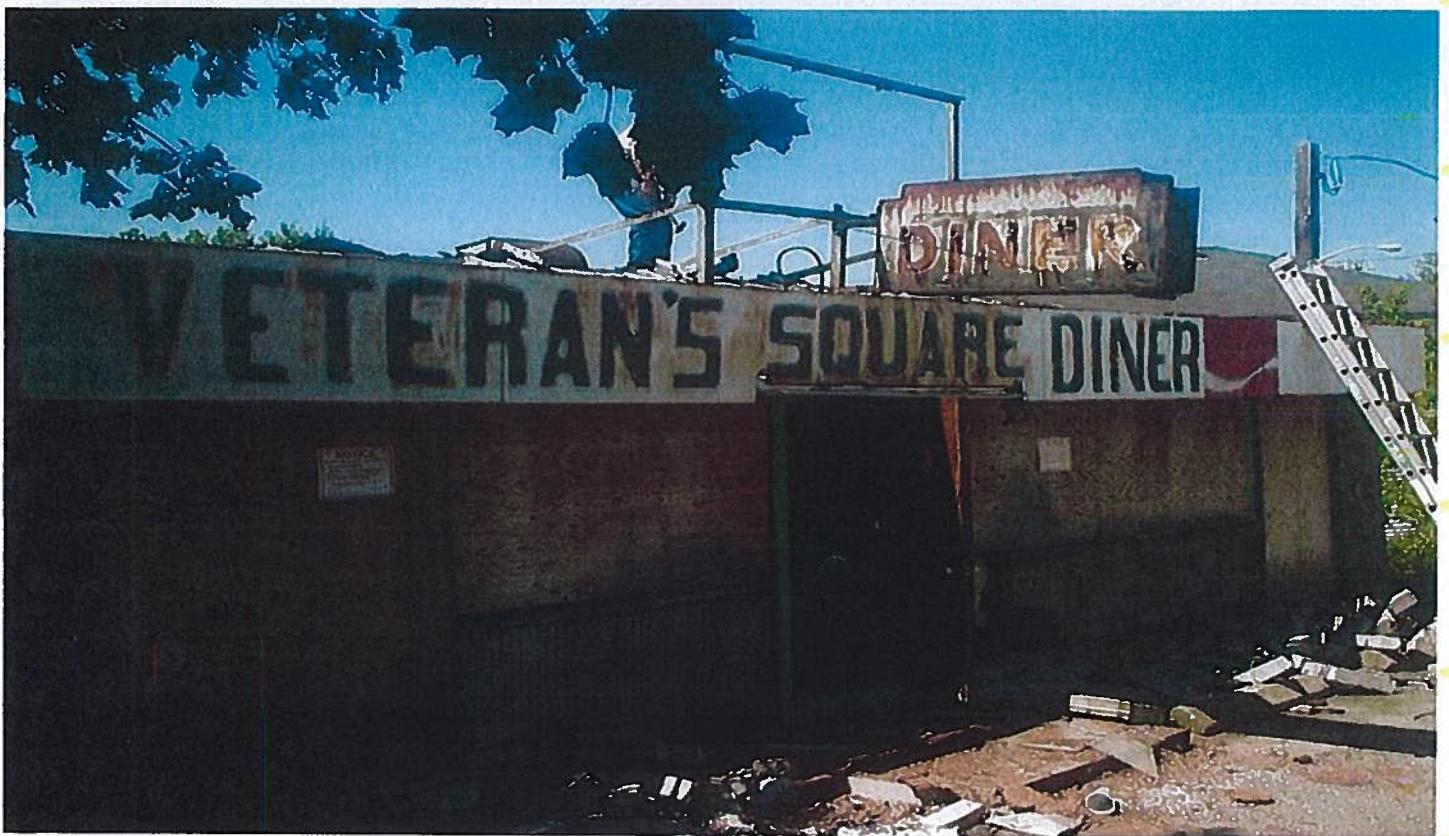
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RAYMOND ROCH, Prop.

WEST WARWICK - THE NATURAL TRADING CENTER OF CENTRAL RHODE ISLAND

Veterans Square Diner



The diner was hit by a car when the operator of the car had a heart attack while driving, and later the diner was torn down.



Monument at Veterans Square

Notes: VFW # 449 is now named after David Langevin & Armand Boudreau.

Mr. Boudreau enlisted with the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict before retiring after serving 20 years. He was a life member and three-time past commander of the Sgt. David Langevin VFW Post #449 and the West Warwick American Legion Post 2.

Born April 3, 1924 - Died October 1, 2014 at the age of 90. Buried at Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island.

David Langevin's life history story is included in this packet. He is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in West Warwick, Rhode Island in section A.

When Armand Boudreau sadly died in 2014, the VFW 449 Post added a new name to their charter. Originally the post was named the Sergeant David Langevin Post 449 and a few years after Armand's death the post is now named VFW 449 Sergeant David Langevin & Armand Boudreau Post, West Warwick, RI. Armand was a very nice man and I knew him well. The post was originally chartered on July 16, 1920 to where they met at the former Centreville fire Station in Centreville. Now the post meets at 197 Providence Street, West Warwick, Rhode Island 02893.

Phone 401-828-9715

I'm sure that the post has a historian who can give you more information about when they moved from Centreville to Riverpoint.



Armand Boudreau is the last person on the right in this photo. Brian Edmund Guiot collection

WHO WAS SGT. DAVID LANGEVIN



David Langevin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver A. Langevin was born in the town of Coventry on February 13, 1882. As a child, David attended St. John Parochial School in West Warwick and after graduating from LaSalle Academy in Providence, Rhode Island he entered a boarding school in St. Cesaire, Canada.

In spite of the fact that he was not marked for it, David devoted much of his time to the art of trumpet playing, because he knew what he wanted and went after it. At 16, he had been recognized as a talented trombonist.

After being booked for a prodigious number of musical engagements throughout the east he earned a seat with the Fays Theatre Band in Providence, R. I. It is reported that he was one of the youngest players ever to win such an award.

His determination to seek national recognition was interrupted when he enlisted as a private in the 46th Regiment of Infantry Volunteers (to quell the moro activities in the Philippines) but he learned this was only a temporary setback for on December 18, 1899, David was appointed a sergeant with his outfit, and much to his surprise as a trombonist.

During his free time, he furnished his regiment with many informal cornet recitals because he preferred music to any other duty. While on its return trip from the garrison at Indang,

VFW Post named After two men

where the band had been active for ten days, the unit was ambushed by the Philippines and David, along with two other mates was shot and killed.

Two days later David's father learned of his son's death thru the list of casualties which appeared in the Providence Journal and immediately he communicated with the War Department for quick return of his son's body.

Notifying him that his request would be fulfilled, the War Department informed Mr. Langevin that the remains would reach West Warwick on the 26th of June and with the assistance of J. J. Foley, president and George Davis, Secretary of the Warwick Cadets, Mr. Langevin began funeral arrangements.

Of the thousands who appeared at the church that morning only a comparative few had known the Valley's hero intimately. For the first time in that generation spectators were given the opportunity to witness a military funeral and the high honors paid a soldier killed in actual warfare.

In addition to the thousands of spectators, the churchyard was infested with members of numerous military organizations which formed an attractive procession along the nearby streets. The West Warwick Temperance Cadets, of which David had been a member was placed at the head of the military column under the direction of its Chief Marshall (name omitted) and John J. Foley and Elmer Davis, aides. Captain Bernard Hackett, commanding Co. E. R. I. M. had been summoned to represent the state of Rhode Island. Other units had arrived from Providence, Central Falls, Pawtucket, Warren and Apponaug.

After marching through the local streets the procession reached St. John's Church where the services was conducted by Father J. R. Bourgois, pastor of the church and Fathers Casgrain, Champagne and Tetreault, assistants.

The services and the enchanting music of St. Cecelia Choir, acting in the church which had been decorated for this occasion made the event one long to be remembered.

Following the final absolution, Father Bourgois, paused for a brief eulogy and touched the lesson taught by self sacrifice by those who battled for the flag and what it represents in this and foreign lands.

From the church, the procession treked to St. Joseph Cemetery on Gough Avenue where the remains was descended with military honors of the firing squad under the direction of Captain Hackett.

The fading echo of the bugle notes announced the conclusion of the ceremony, the burial of Sgt. David Langvin, a soldier who had been killed on actual duty.

Peter Senerchia



St. Joseph Cemetery - Section A

FUNERAL HOME

[Henault-Gallogly Funeral Home](#)

5 Eddy St

West Warwick, Rhode Island

Armand Boudreau Obituary

BOUDREAU, ARMAND D. SR., "COWBOY" 90, formerly of Coutu Court, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014 at Bethany Home of RI in Providence. He was the husband of Doris M. (Joyal) Boudreau, they had been married for 65 years. Born in Warwick, he was the son of the late Conrad and Laure (Matteau) Boudreau. He was a lifelong resident of West Warwick. Mr. Boudreau enlisted with the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict before retiring after serving 20 years. He was a life member and three-time past commander of the Sgt. David Langevin VFW Post #449 and the West Warwick American Legion Post 2. Besides his wife he leaves his children, Laure M. Paul of Warwick, Armand D. Boudreau, Jr. of Colorado Springs, CO, Keith P. Boudreau of Crestview, FL and Renee J. DeMello of Warwick; a sister, Yvette Halleck in Stephentown, NY; eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. His funeral will be held on Monday, Oct. 6, 2014 at 9 am from the

HENAULT-GALLOGLY Funeral Home, 5 Eddy St., West Warwick. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 am in St. John the Baptist Church, Washington St., West Warwick. Interment will follow with military honors in RI Veterans Cemetery, Exeter. Visiting hours Sunday, 5-7 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Rd., Ste. 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256 www.woundedwarriorproject.org in his memory would be appreciated. Information and condolences, please visit: www.henault-gallogly.com

Armand Daniel "Cowboy" Boudreau Sr.

BIRTH

3 Apr 1924
Warwick, Kent County, Rhode Island, USA

DEATH

1 Oct 2014 (aged 90)
Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island, USA

BURIAL

Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery
Exeter, Washington County, Rhode Island, USA

PLOT

SECTION J-6 ROW 9 SITE 721

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Armand D. Boudreau Sr., "Cowboy" 90, formerly of Coutu Court, West Warwick passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014 at Bethany Home of RI in Providence. He was the husband of Doris M. (Joyal) Boudreau, they had been married for 65 years.

Born in Warwick, he was the son of the late Conrad and Laure (Matteau) Boudreau.

He was a lifelong resident of West Warwick. Mr. Boudreau enlisted with the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict before retiring after serving 20 years. He was a life member and three-time past commander of the Sgt. David Langevin VFW Post #449 and the West Warwick American Legion Post 2.

Besides his wife he leaves his children, Laure M. Paul of Warwick, Armand D. Boudreau, Jr. of Colorado Springs, CO, Keith P. Boudreau of Crestview, FL and Renee J. DeMello of Warwick; a sister, Yvette Halleck in Stephentown, NY; eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

His funeral will be held on Monday, Oct. 6, 2014 at 9 am from the Henault-Gallogly Funeral Home, 5 Eddy St., West Warwick. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 am in St. John the Baptist Church, Washington St., West Warwick. Interment will follow with military honors in RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Rd., Ste. 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256 www.woundedwarriorproject.org in his memory would be appreciated. henault-gallogly.com

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The Honorable Thomas E. Norel
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Rhode Island State House
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March 22, 2024

Dear Representative Norel,

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me this afternoon regarding the Statewide Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System project (CAD/RMS). As a co-sponsor to RIGL §42-28.10-1 "*Statewide Records Management System*" enacted in July 2021, I am respectfully requesting your letter of support that the Department of Public Safety (DPS)/Division of State Police will include in our Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) applications being submitted to the Offices of Senator Jack Reed and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (DPS will be requesting a maximum of \$3,311,781 for FFY-2025). We will also include your letter of support in our application to Representative Seth Magaziner for his "Community Projects" funding opportunity. The DPS is hopeful that the Statewide CAD/RMS project will be included in the State FY2025 enacted budget.

Project Summary

Public safety agencies in Rhode Island independently manage numerous instances of Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) software. In several instances, there are separate CAD and RMS installations in the same municipality where police and fire/EMS provide their own independent dispatching operations with no interoperability between the software environments. To date, 24 municipal law enforcement agencies have signed letters of intent indicating they intend to participate in the statewide CAD/RMS project, along with 10 additional public safety agencies, totaling 34 participating agencies across the State. Most agencies have been using software from the same vendor for approximately 25 years. While the legacy systems have functioned well for numerous years, the systems possess limited integration features. The lack of product enhancements and decreasing levels of support are an indication that the products are nearing end of life. In November, 2022, the vendor for this dated software has encouraged agencies to begin exploring upgrade opportunities as the current product will no longer be receiving product enhancements.

RIDPS and partner agencies are seeking enhanced interagency communication, enhanced situational awareness, enhanced ANI/ALI data when calls are transferred from the 911 PSAP to local agencies, access to calls-for-service from neighboring agencies when supporting mutual aid events, enhanced interoperability, and other modern functionality. The System will allow for enhanced ANI/ALI data to be transferred from the 911 CAD system to the Statewide CAD system, reducing the

time necessary to create a call for service and increasing the accuracy of data being entered. For medical calls, additional data will become available to the local dispatcher to include detailed Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) information and additional call notes entered by the 911 telecommunicator.

Upon creation of a call for service in the System, dispatchers will be able to manage resources and provide timely updates to units responding. Dispatchers will be provided with a variety of mission critical information based on the nature and location of the incident. Dispatchers will also have access to tactical mapping capabilities offering numerous layers based on their needs during the incident.

Law enforcement mobile users will have full access to the Records Management System, allowing them to complete nearly all of their police reports from the field so they can remain visible to the public and be a valuable deterrent to crime and traffic violations.

RMS will have tight integration with the CAD system, allowing for data to be reused without having to be entered multiple times into the same database. RMS will be configured in a way that supports multiple law enforcement agencies, allowing them to share system configuration tables where appropriate (state laws, etc.), while maintaining separate agency specific tables such as evidence storage locations. Additionally, master records will be centralized, eliminating duplicative records at multiple agencies for the same person, vehicle, property, or location. For fire/EMS agencies, the CAD system will be configured in a manner to interact with the multiple applications that are used by fire departments across the state. The CAD system will export data in real time to fire RMS and EMS ePCR systems to consume and be reused by first responders.

I hope this information has been helpful. Thank you for supporting the Department of Public Safety with this important project. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions or would like additional information.

Respectfully,



Major Ronald J. Longolucco
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Rhode Island State Police