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**Chapter 131**

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bow 10-11-2011.]**

**§ 131-1. Purpose.**

This policy provides the basis for acceptance and approval of proposals for commemorative naming and placement of memorials in or on public land and facilities located within the boundaries of the Town of Bow.

**§ 131-2. Authority.**

Under the authority granted by NH RSA 41:11-a:

- A. The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for the naming (or renaming) of any Town owned land or facility. A facility shall be defined as a building, portion of a building, driveway, or other parcel or portion of a parcel of land and places or natural features contained therein, but shall not include any library or property related thereto under the control of the Library Board of Trustees. Once a facility has been named, renaming will be approved only by the Board of Selectmen.
- B. The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for approval of the placement of memorial objects, artwork, signs, sculptures, banners, benches, trees or other plantings, fountains, detached structures, and walls (hereinafter “a Memorial”) in or on any Town owned land or facility, as defined above.

**§ 131-3. Criteria.**

- A. When a memorial is proposed, at least one (1) calendar year shall expire from the date of the event, or in the case of a person their death, before the Board of Selectmen may consider a proposed Memorial.

- B. If a memorial will require the Town to expend funds or services to maintain, the Board of Selectmen may condition acceptance on the provision by the proponent of a fund sufficient to meet that obligation.

**§ 131-4. Duration.**

- A. Once the Board of Selectmen assigns a name to land or a facility, the name shall remain unchanged for twenty-five (25) years.
- B. Once the Board of Selectmen accepts a memorial, the memorial may remain installed for up to twenty-five (25) years. The Selectmen may extend the period of installation once the initial term expires.