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Date: October 3, 2022 at 10:40:24 AM EDT
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Subject: Fwd: Memorial bench refund

Please see email below.

So this is how it ends? I am beyond disappointed. How is this just coming to light as late as this? As the anniversary of my sister's death approaches, I am beyond disappointed that I could not put something in place this past year. With so many people trying to make this work, it is amazing that yet another ridiculous roadblock has come crashing down in this process.

In addition, my future visits to Newburyport will be forever tainted by this memory.

Ann Marie Monzione

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From: Lise Reid <lreid@newburyportparks.org>
Date: Mon, Oct 3, 2022 at 10:06 AM
Subject: Memorial bench refund
To: <tackm4@gmail.com>

Dear Ann Marie,

I am sorry to say the engraving was not completed on Friday after all. I will request a full refund for you today.

It seems I had gotten approval for placement of the granite seating when I was still acting as Parks Director, but apparently failed to obtain the proper approvals for engraving. Parks Commissioners shut down the engraving work while it was in progress on Friday. I have been in contact with City representatives over the weekend. It sounds like we will be mounting plaques rather than engraving the stone directly. The process of gaining approvals and ordering the plaques will take at least another six weeks, maybe longer based on the fact that winter weather may be upon us by the time we receive the plaques.

I am sorry this process has been so frustrating and, ultimately, disappointing. I wish you the best in finding a less problematic way to memorialize your sister's life.

Best regards,
Lise

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