

RESOLUTION

Dedicate Hatchi Dog Park in Memory of Milton's First K9 Officer

WHEREAS, K9 Hatchi faithfully served as the Milton Police Department's first K9 officer, working alongside his handler and partner, Corporal Jason Porter; and

WHEREAS, donated to the Town of Milton by Missy and Chris Banke of Pinebrook Kennels, Hatchi helped establish the Milton Police Department's first K9 program and quickly became known for his dedication, courage, and unwavering work ethic; and

WHEREAS, over his six-and-one-half-year career, Hatchi and Corporal Porter completed more than 2,000 hours of training and conducted more than 2,100 narcotics searches, achieving a success rate exceeding 98 percent; and

WHEREAS, Hatchi left a lasting legacy of protection, service, and community. His memory remains an honored part of the history of the Milton Police Department and the Town of Milton; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2025, the Milton Selectboard adopted a resolution formally recognizing Hatchi for his distinguished service to the community and expressed a desire to establish a lasting memorial in his honor; and

WHEREAS, the Milton Dog Park serves as a place where residents and their dogs gather in the spirit of companionship, stewardship, and community. Hatchi exemplified these throughout his service, making the park a fitting location to honor his legacy; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Milton Plaque and Memorial Installation Policy (#RC452.042) states that "Only the Selectboard of the Town of Milton has the authority and responsibility to name and commemorate Town property," and that such decisions shall be made at a duly warned public meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Selectboard of the Town of Milton hereby dedicates the Milton Dog Park in memory of Hatchi, the Milton Police Department's First K9 Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milton Dog Park shall henceforth be known as "Hatchi Dog Park"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town shall install an entrance sign identifying the park as Hatchi Dog Park and commemorating Hatchi's faithful service and lasting legacy to the Town of Milton.

Dated at Milton, Vermont this 6th day of July, 2026.



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SELECTBOARD

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