



**CITY OF POQUOSON**

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April 11, 2016

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT: Request for Placement of a State Approved Historical Marker  
For Football Quarter Creek Park in the City's Right-of-Way  
At the End of Robert Bruce Road**

A letter requesting City Council approval to erect a historical marker in the public right-of-way on Robert Bruce Road at its intersection with Lankford Lane has been received from Mr. Wade H. O. Kirby, President of the Football Quarter Creek Foundation and is presented for your consideration and approval. This marker, if approved by the Department of Historic Resources, must be located on public land owned by the City. The marker will memorialize the homestead of Thomas Kirby who purchased a 450 acre plantation at this location in 1642.

Mr. Kirby is also seeking assistance from the City with occasional maintenance of the marker.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A HISTORICAL  
MARKER IN THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE END  
OF ROBERT BRUCE ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, a request was received from Mr. Wade H. O. Kirby, President of the Footeball Quarter Creek Foundation, for the placement of a historical marker in the City right-of-way at the end of Robert Bruce Road at its intersection with Lankford Lane to memorialize the homestead of Thomas Kirby, ancestor of the Kirby family, who purchased a 450 acre plantation at this location in 1642; and

**WHEREAS**, if the sign is approved by the Department of Historic Resources, it will be purchased and installed by the family; and

**WHEREAS**, occasional assistance from the City for maintenance of the marker has also been requested. .

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Poquoson, Virginia:

**Section 1:** That the request of the Footeball Quarter Creek Foundation for erection of a historical marker in the City right-of-way at the end of Robert Bruce Road is hereby approved.

**Section 2:** That the City agrees to occasionally assist with maintenance of the marker.

**Section 3:** That this resolution shall be in effect on and after its adoption.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TESTE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City Clerk**

**Football Quarter Creek Foundation**

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Richmond, Virginia 23235

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March 23, 2016

Ms. Deborah L. Vest  
Coordinator of Community Development  
City of Poquoson  
500 City Hall Avenue  
Poquoson, Virginia 23662

Dear Ms. Vest:

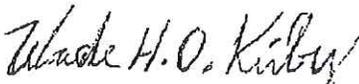
The Kirby family would like to request approval from the Poquoson City Council to erect a historical marker in the vicinity of Football Quarter Creek. This marker will memorialize the homestead of our ancestor Thomas Kirby who purchased a 450 acre plantation there in 1642. The Department of Historic Resources in Richmond requires that this marker be located on public land owned by a city, or the state of Virginia.

Specifically the marker would be located on the public right of way where Robert Bruce Drive terminates about twenty feet (the width of the Lankford Lane right of way) from the Football Quarter Creek property. Robert Bruce Drive is a paved street maintained by Poquoson within the right of way which should be of adequate width.

Our application currently sits with the Department of Historic Resources pending their approval. This will be the standard black and grey state historical marker, purchased and installed by our family with the hope that the City of Poquoson would assist with its occasional maintenance.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Wade H.O. Kirby  
President



ROBERT BRUCE RD

LANKFORD LN

Football Quarter Creek Park  
Property



Map Depicting Potential Location of  
Football Quarter Creek Park Historical  
Marker

★ Marker Location in ROW

Prepared by City of Poquoson Department of  
Community Development