

MADISON VETERAN MONUMENT RELOCATION

A volunteer committee of Veterans has been working for the last 18 months on how to update the Madison Veteran Monument that is currently located on the front lawn of the Madison Baptist Church. The Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Chick Room at the Madison Library and anyone interested in this project is encouraged to join this volunteer, community effort.

To date, two students from UNH's Civil Engineering Department, Amadin Osagiede and Tim Postlethwaite, took this on as their Senior-year project using their various studies and gave the Committee ideas on how to proceed. The Committee concluded that a new site on the grounds of Town Hall would be better suited for any expansion.

To generate interest and get work started, the family of Bud and Ruth Shackford agreed to solicit volunteers to undertake Phase One at the new site.

The Shackford Family sincerely thanks all those who gave so generously of their time and materials to complete Phase One, including:

The leadership of Jesse Shackford, III who coordinated Phase One,

Committee members who removed small trees and brush,

Manager Kirk Titus of the Wolfeboro Bartlett Tree Experts Office, for use of a truck and chipper, Bartlett Tree employees Stalin Arias and Joe Cox, both of Madison, for cutting and chipping large trees, and stockpiling the wood chips for erosion control,

Paul and Joe Shackford of Shackford Construction for stump removal, grading and installing wood chips and gravel,

Jesse Shackford, III for compacting and digging the base for the monument and installing the conduit for lighting,

Mike and Mickey Hoyt of Hoyt Concrete for designing and installing the reinforced concrete base,

A.J. Coleman & Sons for donating the concrete,

The John Sherwood family of Silver Lake Home Center for donating the loam for landscaping,

G. W. Brooks & Son for use of a truck to deliver the loam to the site,

Todd Marshall of Allard Farm for supplying the mulch hay to cover the lime, fertilizer and grass seed spread by Will and William Sheppard, Mike Brooks, Jesse Shackford, III and Franklin Jones,

The Albert Risch Family and friends for the purchase and installation of a 30' flag pole and flag,

Jeff Lang, the new owner of Arthur's Memorial in Redstone, will relocate the current monument from the Madison Church to the new site,

Laconia Electric for giving a discount on electrical supplies, and

Tim DiPietro, electrical contractor, for donating a portion of the cost of the electrical installation.

There will be a ceremony on November 11, 2011 to raise the flag at the new Town Hall site.

Additional donations will be necessary to complete Phase Two. The completed monument will consist of a three-foot wide, seven-foot tall granite wing on each side of the original monument. These wings will include the names of those veterans who have served in our armed services since the existing plaques were installed and also add any veterans who had previously been omitted. Completion of this project will cost thousands of dollars. It is the hope of the committee that as construction progresses the Madison community will come forth with support in the form of donations. With no municipal funds expected, donations are critical.

Ongoing landscaping of the site could potentially include shrubbery, benches, and granite pavers with donors' names inscribed. These upgrades will certainly carry well into the future. The Committee looks forward to continuing this endeavor to recognize those men and women who served for all of us in: Madison – NH - USA. All donations will be acknowledged in the Town Hall lobby with a plaque naming each donor. Committee Chairman Henry Forrest (367-4323) can assist with any questions. Donations to this project can be sent to Town of Madison Veterans Monument Fund, PO Box 248, Madison, NH 03849. Additional information and pictures of the project are available on the Town of Madison's website at www.madison-nh.org.