HANCOCK VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Dear Residents, Friends, Families, Businesses and Associates,

The Town of Hancock is endeavoring to build a Veterans Memorial to commemorate all Hancock residents who served in any war, conflict or duty to protect our country, state, and town. This is a large project for the town and our committee is striving to see this Memorial come to fruition. The Memorial will be located on the North side of the Hancock Town Hall. Once the project description was drawn up with the estimated cost, the Town applied for a grant through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Veterans Heritage Grant Foundation. The Hancock Veterans Memorial committee is pleased to announce that an award of \$15,000.00 was received in March of 2020 towards this project. This award was granted just as COVID 19 hit the area.

Phase 1: Even though COVID 19 hit the Berkshires, work was started on obtaining quotes, finalizing the landscape plans, organizing work crews and committees to run this project. To create a space for the Veterans Memorial, trees and shrubs needed to be taken down and all debris removed. The site needed to be excavated, a pit dug to make the ground ready for the pouring of the base foundation, and soil brought in as well. The base foundation was poured and the grounds reseeded. This was accomplished the week of September 21st by a group of amazing town veterans and residents who volunteered their time and energy to complete this phase.

Phase 2: The purchase of the monument, consisting of a Medium Barre Gray basic stone in three sections, custom designed with the inscription of "Town of Hancock Veterans Memorial", the Veterans Names, and the War(s) or conflicts served. Flagpoles and flags will be set in place after the monument installation is completed. Currently, there are three small monuments located on the grounds of the Taylor Memorial Library with 82 Veterans names. There are over 190 Veterans whose names will be inscribed on the new monument. The stone monuments at the Taylor Memorial Library will be moved to the new site. The cost of the entire project is estimated to be \$52,000.00.

In addition to the grant for \$15,000.00, we will need to raise an additional \$37,000.00 through donations. The Family of Steven and Elizabeth Neilson of Hancock Rd, Hancock made a very generous commitment to match funds dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000.00 towards the memorial. We are asking you to **please** consider a donation for this meaningful endeavor. This memorial commemorates all Hancock Veterans who served to protect and defend our small and very grateful town.

With your donation, no matter how big or small, we can achieve this goal and see the dream for this memorial come alive. We would appreciate everyone reading this letter to be a part of this beautiful addition to our town.

Phase 3: This phase enables you the opportunity to display your loved one's name or family name with ground pavers and benches. The pavers are 12" x 12" with up to 15 letters for a cost of \$150.00 (additional lettering up to 25 letters cost an additional \$2.00 per letter). Imperial Gray Imported Benches engraved with Donated By "The Stone Family" (example) will cost \$2,000.00 per bench with an additional cost of \$6.42 for each 2" family name letter in condensed roman font. The cost for The Stone Family would be \$2090.00 per bench. This information is given for your consideration, in addition to your donation for the monument. We are only able to accept checks or money orders, no credit cards or cash.

If you are making a donation, please complete the attached form and submit it with your check(s) or money order(s). Make payable to: Town of Hancock Veterans Memorial. If you are making a donation to the memorial and an additional donation for a paver or bench, please submit separate check(s) or money order(s).

Please Remit to: Veterans Memorial

c/o Town Clerk PO BOX 1097

Hancock, MA 01237-1097

This is a large project for a small town and we understand COVID 19 has affected each of us. We are hopeful with everyone giving from their heart, that every little bit will count towards seeing this project to the finish. If you are able to make a contribution, The Hancock Veterans Memorial fund raising committee thanks you in advance!

Linda C Burdick Valerie Dean Tallet Tanya Derby Cynthia Grauman John Anderson

Hancock Veterans Memorial Fundraiser

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