

HISTORY OF THE PLAINFIELD SERVICE MEMORIAL

A vote of the Town Meeting on March 13, 2003, instructed “the moderator to appoint a committee to investigate creation of a suitable memorial to town veterans, said committee to report no late than the 2005 annual meeting.” Thus began a five-year effort that led to the completion of the memorial that is dedicated on this day. The committee charged with creating the memorial met many times after resolving at the outset to complete the project without creating any burden on taxpayers.

The memorial is intended to honor all Plainfield residents who have served our nation. It does not attempt to list individuals, but rather is intended to be a place of reflection upon all forms of national service and the commitment to our country that such service represents.

Thanks to the generosity of some 70 donors, more than \$13,000 was raised, enabling the committee to retain the services of professional landscape architects Saucier & Flynn of Lebanon to design the memorial site and assist in the development of the memorial tablet. Once all the details were agreed to, the Swenson Granite Co. of Concord created the stone tablet of New Hampshire granite.

The services to prepare the site, install the stone and complete the landscaping were donated by Plainfield Construction Co. Inc., Mark Wilder, Williams Lawncare & Landscaping LLC, Thomas Williams & Longacre’s Nursery Center.

Service Memorial Committee

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