

January 25, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Welcome to East Concord Marker

We are writing on behalf of the East Concord Garden Club to inform you that we wish to sponsor the welcoming marker to be placed at the entrance to the East Concord roundabout.

We approached Ed Roberge, then the City Engineer, with our offer at the final informational meeting before the construction of the roundabout. He appeared to be receptive to our offer and he suggested the use of granite from the old Sewell's Falls bridge. On October 17, 2017 we met with a representative from General Services at the site and selected a piece. After coordinating with the City and Perry Brother's Monuments, we received a call from Ed Roberge on December 22, 2017 stating the City had moved the stone to the Perry Brother's property. He also told us he would be leaving his position with the City and to contact either Bryant Anderson or Martha Drukker in the future.

Since our Club has been in existence since 1935 as an integral part of the community and as we wish to sponsor the marker, it seems appropriate to include a small Garden Club logo. We also feel the granite itself is a treasure as it is part of East Concord's history and want that fact included on the stone. The stone measures 19 inches by 43 inches. Ed Roberge informed us there is a conduit in place for lighting once the stone is in place.

Our Club has committed to pay \$1500 for the stone preparation as well as the carving of the logo. Perry Brothers has agreed to donate a portion of the additional cost. Mr. Roberge was confident the City would assist us with the sign installation. Also, we believe he thought the stone should be elevated and after discussion with the Exit 16 Landscaping Committee, it was decided to use brick to elevate the stone. The use of brick signifies the history of a brick mill which was located in East Concord.

Sincerely,

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