

November 12, 2012

Dear Alex

The Village Steering Committee has for several years been planning possible improvements to the Monument Park, positioned at the location where Silver Street meets Route 116. We feel that the time is right to act on these improvements and toward that end we submit the attached concept plan and budget proposal.

Improvements to the park are timely and necessary. The elements included in the design will address several issues. First is the "enclosure" of the park intended to separate this space from the traffic of route 116. This is both an issue of safety and an issue of creating a more intimate and contemplative space within which residents of Hinesburg can honor and reflect on those that sacrificed during past wars. The stone wall and high-limbed trees would serve as such an enclosure. The 20" high stone walls would also be ideal for providing seating during the annual July 4th Parade. Lighting, scaled to pedestrians would also make users of the park feel safer in the evening.

Other elements in the Park would include granite curbing adjacent to Good Times Café and the provision of an accessible parking spot in this location. A circular seating area would be provided adjacent to the monuments for quiet contemplation and eating a sandwich. An improved park would also be a welcome compliment to the adjacent eating establishment and possible evening musical performances.

The Village Steering Committee feels that these improvements, while substantial, would provide a very pleasing pedestrian space within our village. We also feel that these improvements could be phased over several stages as necessary. The Committee is committed to fund-raising for 50% of the proposed costs. We would request that the balance be considered as a town expenditure for the coming fiscal year.

Please see below our preliminary budget projections for the project and find attached our concept plan.

Thank you for your assistance,

The Village Steering Committee

Monument Park, Hinesburg, Vermont, Preliminary Construction Budget

Six 3" caliper, salt resistant roadside trees @ 500.00 each:	\$3,000.00
200 lf double faced stone wall at the roadside perimeter @150.00/face foot:	\$30,000.00
600 sf. Stone terrace around the existing monuments @ 18.00/sf:	\$10,800.00
6 new benches @ 1,200.00 each:	\$7,200.00
Provide granite curbing, grading and accessible parking location @ GTC:	\$4,500.00
<u>5 light bollards @1500.00 each:</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
Sub total:	\$63,000.00
<u>Include contingency @ 12%:</u>	<u>\$70,560.00</u>