



Adopted: May 2013 by Lake Lure Town Council

From: Parks and Recreation Board
To: Chris Braund, Town Manager
Subject: Town Memorials policy recommendation

Last winter you requested that the Town staff inventory and locate the various memorial plaques that have been placed on Town property in the Town Center area over the years and tasked the Parks and Recreation Board to recommend a policy for future placement of any such memorials. A total of 20 such plaques were located, with all but five located in the Morse Park Gardens area. Four plaques are located in medians near the Arcade Building and engraved plaques listing contributors have been placed on the Pavilion and on a large stone near the children's playground respectively. An additional plaque is to be installed shortly at Washburn Marina to honor Dick and Bob Washburn's many years of volunteer service to the Town.

In Morse Park Gardens, a total of 10 small plaques on short pedestals were paid for by individuals and businesses either in cash or by a tree purchase. Four similar type plaques were placed apparently by Town action to recognize the service of four Town Council members who served during the period of 2001-2003---Jim Proctor, Lea Hullender, Blaine Cox, and George Pressley. Additionally, during the Town's 75th anniversary celebration activities, a walkway of engraved bricks was laid in Morse Park Gardens, with bricks paid by contributors to memorialize or recognize persons. Additionally, most recently, the Flowering Bridge Board has laid a Founder's Circle with engraved pavers paid for by contributors to the Flowering Bridge effort.

The Parks and Recreation Board recommend the following policy be enacted covering the placement of memorials on Town property:

In order to control the proliferation of memorials on Town property, Individuals seeking to commemorate individuals, businesses, pets, etc. be offered the opportunity to purchase an engraved brick to be placed in the existing memorial walkway in Morse Park Gardens. The Board recommends a fee of \$200 per brick to cover costs of materials, engraving, and placement. When a larger project is being undertaken, such as a bridge, shelter, or other structure, names of contributors could be placed on an individual plaque by or on the structure.

Respectfully,

Ed Dittmer
Chairman