

GIFTS/MEMORIAL POLICY

June 28, 2002

Adopted July 1, 2002

From time to time the town may be offered physical or monetary gifts to memorialize or commemorate people. The Selectboard will consider acceptance of gifts on a case-by-case basis.

The criteria to be considered for selection and use of such donations shall include, at a minimum, whether the proposed gift:

1. Contributes toward the benefit of the town.
2. Has a function that is consistent with the design and use of the location for which it is proposed.
3. Does not interfere with other town facilities or town activities in the proposed location, or with potential future activities.
4. May be maintained at a minimum cost and effort to the town now and in the future.

In addition, recognition of the source or purpose of gifts shall be confined to one or more specific locations to be determined by the Selectboard. Proposals for recognition in the way must be submitted in advance to the Selectboard for review and approval.

Of prime concern are (1) equal treatment of those proposing gifts or facilities, and (2) limitations of the town buildings and grounds to house such gifts or facilities. Nothing described here shall prevent future amendment of this policy or complete rewriting or withdrawal of this policy. Nothing in this policy should be construed as requiring the Selectboard to accept any gift offer.

Addendum: August 6, 2007

The Board of Selectmen accepted a monetary gift over the previous fifteen months of approximately \$21,000 to be used toward the replacement of the basketball court at the Recreation Center. The basketball and tennis courts were replaced in the spring of 2007. The Board voted at its August 6, 2007 meeting to erect a plaque with the following text: *The basketball and tennis courts were constructed with Recreation Department funds and a generous contribution from the James K. Lawrence Memorial Fund. August 11, 2007*