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Subject: ELLIOTT PARK.pdf

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Elliott family. We are hoping that the municipality would assist us in purchasing a newer, updated sign for Elliott Park in Exeter.

This park is enjoyed by many area residents as a peaceful spot for lunch or for campers who have visited our town.

The sign was originally purchased by Jennie (Elliott) Rowe and the family has continued to maintain the garden around it. There have also been memorial trees for Alva (Elliott) Heywood and Lila (Elliott) Smith who were both raised there.

The reason why we are so involved with this particular park is that it is where our parents were raised by Jack and Mary Elliott. They were the only family to ever live on this piece of property. They purchased the land from Jack's mother, Eliza Jane (Ford) Elliott who lived across the street. They dug a foundation and then Jack and Mary each purchased a building that they moved onto the site and melded together to form their home. A tool shed and barn were later added to the property. Avid gardeners, they grew raspberries, gooseberries and vegetables abound as well as raising livestock which made them very self sufficient and able to raise their family of 6 children during the depression. They remained on the property for over 60 years, watching their family grow to include grandchildren who were able to experience what life was like in simpler times. On a sad note, Jack and Mary lost their youngest child, Freddie, when he was struck by a truck on the very bridge that spanned the river that flowed beside their property.

The property was sold to the town of Exeter in 1977 after Jack passed away and Mary had to be moved to assisted care.

Our proposal would be to work together with the municipality to have a new sign purchased and erected where the old sign now stands. Changing the garden below with easy care stones and shrubbery would add to the new look for the sign.

We are also hoping to add a brief history of the park on a separate plaque that would be attached to the sign or on a separate podium.

I have spoken to Mike Britnell, who has made many signs in the area and he has quoted a double sided sign with posts would be approximately \$2500.00. Installation of the signs and the gardens would be another approximate \$500.00. We would ask for the assistance of the town works department for removal of the old sign and to help install the new one.

Please see the attached photos of the proposed sign. The bottom picture shows the area that a plaque could be mounted if we chose to go that way.

I hope that the council feels that moving ahead with this project will highlight Elliott Park as an interesting piece of Exeter's history.

Thank you for your time,

Lori Clarke (granddaughter of Jack and Mary)

Sent from my iPad