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Gold Star Families Monument Approved for Northfield by Selectboard

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The Vermont Gold Star Families Monument will be constructed at Center Park in Northfield following a vote by the Northfield Selectboard last week to allow the placement here. At a cost of over \$100,000 which is being raised by the Hershel Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, the entire construction, installation and maintenance of the monument will be handled by the foundation at no cost to Northfield taxpayers.

The Northfield Selectboard decided last week to allow the placement of a Gold Star Families Memorial on municipal property. This decision came not without controversy.

Jane Bryant, who is a native of Northfield Center appeared at the meeting to oppose having the monument in Center Park where the board decided it should be placed.

She said that she doesn't feel this is an appropriate location and wants Center Park to remain an open space for public use. She went on to state that the park had been rehabilitated for Vermont's statehood bicentennial in 1992 and this has been "common ground" open to all Northfield residents since the 1800's.

She also feels the limited parking in the area makes it an unsuitable monument site.