

## Legion post thanks town for work on veterans monument

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BELMONT — Construction at the veterans monument in the Belmont Village is complete and members of the Charles Kilborn Post 58 of the American Legion are appreciative.

Over the summer, the town had taken on the project to redo Church Street, which included the monument. In addition to the roadwork, a sidewalk system has connected the lower village area to the area of Belmont High School.

Post Commander Bob Stevens said he wants to express gratitude and approbation of the excellent job done on behalf of the entire post.

“We thank the Belmont Selectmen as well as Town Administrator Jean Beaudin for their support in replacing the old flag pole, and the town Highway Department for the excellent job with the landscaping,” said Stevens. “To Post 58, this is a piece of sacred ground to all veterans past present and future.”

Stevens said the veteran monument was dedicated by Charles Kilborn in 1919 to the town of Belmont for the American Legion. During the re-design of Church Street, the relocation of the monument was talked about.

“They talked about moving it to Penstock Park down the street, but we wanted right where it was dedicated,” said Stevens.

Stevens said the monument had been knocked over several years ago and was re-dedicated.

Standing near the monument was an old flagpole. Stevens had submitted a request to the town to see if they could replace it with a new one. Selectmen approved of the purchase, expressing that they thought it was a good idea. Erected now is a new 30-foot pole flying an American Flag and a Prisoner of War or P.O.W. flag.

The monument itself has been moved slightly and has been raised onto a road island that includes a small green area, cobble stones and granite edging.

Although a small community project, he said it has a big impact on all.

“The town did a fantastic job, I can’t give everyone involved enough credit,” said Stevens. “It really looks nice, it’s a true asset for the town.”

Post 58 in Belmont currently has around 60 members. They meet every other even month on the first Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. Stevens said the post continues to grow and is

community oriented. Over the years, Post 58 has provided scholarships to local youths and has been involved in other projects throughout the area.