

## **DEDICATION OF THE CONCORD TOWN REPORT FOR 2018**

### Sidney Patridge's Generosity Helps to Renovate Folsom Common in 2018

Longtime community member Sidney Patridge passed away in 2017, and he generously left in his estate \$25,000 to renovate the Village of Concord Folsom Common. This project aligned perfectly with Sid's love of the outdoors, gardening, children, and the community. He was known for having many wonderful friends because he was a wonderful friend to so many. As an avid gardener, he shared the harvest from his garden with friends and family every summer. Sid was a lifelong teacher in Montpelier and later in Waterford and Concord. He believed in the importance of investing in our youth as the hope for a better future. Throughout his life he gave of himself through kindness, friendship, and quiet generosity.

The Folsom Common Renovation Project included installation of beautiful granite and metal fencing to protect children at play and beautify the Main Street of Concord. Flowers were planted in key spots and granite benches surround the new playground equipment that promotes physical activity with a rope climbing structure, spinning units, and jumping pods for imaginary play. Prior to completion of the Folsom Common Renovation Project, the children of Concord had only the school playground, which is a walking distance away from the village center, for play and enjoyment. Through the generosity of Sidney Patridge, the town now has a stunning park that is visually appealing and contemporary for children and families to enjoy for years.