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Richard Glidden, Joe Rogowski and Jeff Degnan, scoutmaster, set the tree into the hole at the tree dedication on Saturday, Aug. 23 on Barre's South Common. More photos on this event available at www.turley.com.



This bronze plaque bears an inscription that recounts the history of Boston's Liberty tree, an American elm that was the rallying place for the Sons of Liberty in the American Revolution. A framed copy of the poem, "Liberty Tree" by Thomas Paine also came with the tree.

Liberty Elm planted on South Common

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BARRE — Members of Boy Scout Troop 26, their leaders, Richard Glidden of R.N. Glidden Landscaping Service, DPW Superintendent Rich Wheeler and Fire Chief Joe Rogowski assisted in the planting of a disease-resistant American Liberty elm tree on South Common.

Richard Glidden dug the hole for the tree on South Common across from the Barre Savings Bank and assisted in the planting. Boy Scouts from Troop 26 shoveled dirt and hauled water for the tree. Rich Wheeler brought the tree to the site, provided dirt for the hole and removed the soil, rocks and roots from the digging.

Elm Research Institute of Keene, NH awarded a grant to the town of Barre and Boy Scout Troop 26 for the 14 to 19 foot tall ceremonial disease-resistant American Liberty Elm. A special

bronze plaque with an inscription that recounts the history of Boston's Liberty tree will be installed near the tree. The plaque reads, "This American Liberty Elm was named after "The Liberty Tree: Our Country's first Symbol of Freedom." On the morning of August 14, 1765, the people of Boston awakened to discover two effigies suspended from an elm tree in protest of the hated Stamp Act. From that day forward, the elm became known as "The Liberty Tree." It stood in silent witness to countless meetings, speeches and celebrations, and became the rallying place for the Sons of Liberty. In August of 1775, as a last act of violence prior to their evacuation of Boston, British soldiers cut it down because it bore the name "Liberty." Elm Research Institute, Keene, New Hampshire. The poem "Liberty Tree" by Thomas Paine was read.

For more than 10 years, Elm Research Institute has been estab-

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lishing Liberty Tree Memorials in communities across the country to commemorate the birth of freedom and help restore the American elm.

Elm Research Institute (ERI) was established in 1967 with the purpose of saving the American elm from extinction. ERI sponsored genetic research that resulted in the American Liberty Elm, a purebred descendant of disease-resistant American elms. It is

the only elm with a lifetime warranty against Dutch elm disease. Over 300,000 have been planted since 1984.

For information about the American Liberty Elm or the Liberty Tree Memorial Program, people may call ERI at 1-800-367-3567, visit online at www.libertyelm.com or write to Elm Research Institute, 11 Kit Street, Keene, NH 03431.