

# Emery Park

Frederick L. Emery a 36-year-old patent attorney, assumed the presidency of the Lexington Field & Garden Club in 1904-1917 (This man was dedicated. He also was president in 1918-1928 and 1930-1933). During his tenure, Emery began to petition the railroad to sell the land to the town. By late 1921, Boston & Maine Railroad agreed to sell the railroad depot area to the town for \$30,000.

In 1922, the area became known as Depot Square, but after Emery's death, it was renamed in his honor. In his will he left \$5,000 to the town with the income from the bequest to be spent by the garden club to beautify his Lexington. To this day you will see volunteers from the garden club working every Monday beautifying Emery Park. \*

For many years, Christina Gamota worked tirelessly with volunteers from the garden club at Emery Park. Now, the steward of Emery Park is Chris Kochanski.



A plaque now resides in Emery Park dedicated to Frederick L. Emery.

The inscription on the plaque reads:

*“In remembrance and appreciation of Frederick L. Emery, lawyer, community leader, and longtime president of the Lexington Field and Garden Club. He was instrumental in obtaining the deed for this land from the Boston & Maine Railroad for the*

*Town of Lexington in December 1922. His foresight, determination, and generosity made this park possible.”*

*\*Excerpt from Ashley Rooney's article in The Lexington Colonial Times August 2017.*

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