

# **Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 27 June 2012, 2 pm, at the Old Burying Ground (if rain The Meetinghouse)**

## **Agenda**

- Condition of Old Burying Ground and Cutter Cemetery and possibly Phillips-Heil
- OBG tree work in 2012-13
- Cutter tree planting
- Cutter Extension layout issues
- Conant storage shed
- Town cemetery record keeping progress
- Village Cemetery stone resetting
- Database and recordkeeping at Conant. Update from Emily
- Database and recordkeeping at Cutter. Update from Rob
- Hearse storage options
- Work sessions in 2012, spring onward: Conant fence; Village hearse house painting; Old Burying Ground & Village Cemetery stone straightening. Smallpox Cemetery clean-up. Can we get some volunteers beyond our members?

## **Notes on the Meeting of 16 May 2012**

The following met at 2pm Conant Cemetery: Cynthia Hamilton, Randy Heglin, Don MacIsaac, Emily Preston, Tom Rothermel, Andy Roy and Rob Stephenson.

Much of the meeting was devoted to discussing the proposed monument for the Van Ness lot. The location is in the older section not far from the Conant gravesite. A large boulder is proposed. On the lot is a moderate size conifer not in the best of shape. Exactly where the boulder can or should be placed is not entirely clear. Randy sought guidance from the Committee which recommended that if this boulder is used that the tree might need to be removed and that Mr Van Ness should be informed of this and that he be asked to pay some or all of the cost of removal. If the tree is to be removed, the stump would need to be removed as well and the ground leveled. Later in the meeting after noticing a large existing boulder monument, the need for a foundation under the boulder was questioned. If no foundation were installed, the boulder might be able to co-exist with the tree.

Randy reported that Emily is continuing to work on the Conant inventory.

The shed for Conant hasn't been ordered yet. The Committee agreed to leave its location up to DPW based on what will work best for them.

At least three headstones need repairs or re-setting at Conant. John Kaufhold is aware of this. He will be starting on the cleaning of the Bradley monument soon.

Randy pointed out two shrubs planted at the Clark lot which constitute violations to the regulations. He would like to contact the owner and suggest they be moved. Cynthia will contact Dick Hill who may have a connection to the family.

Rob reported that Dennis Wright will paint the steel flagpole at the Old Burying Ground before Memorial Day.

Margaret Pokorny will oversee the planting of new maple trees at Cutter Cemetery on 23 May.

Rob reported that John Kaufhold has agreed to re-set and repair as many of the headstones in Village Cemetery as possible. This may require several days. It may have to wait until the fall.

The graffiti painted on the Hearse House at Village Cemetery was discussed. It was painted over and there has been re-occurrence. It probably needs a second coat.

There has been no progress on the Hearse storage question although there have been discussions at the Jaffrey Historical Society.

Randy reported that DPW has a copy of FileMaker Pro although it's yet to be installed. Rob has offered to do up a template for cemetery recordkeeping.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3pm.

Suggested dates for future meetings in 2012 were discussed. They are June 27, August 8, September 19 and October 24. These are all Wednesdays. We will meet at 3 pm, most times at a specific cemetery. The October meeting will be with the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works as required by the resolution establishing the Committee.

**Randyl Cournoyer**

Cournoyer Funeral Home

**Don MacIsaac**

Selectmen Representative

**Robert Stephenson**  
**Andy Roy**  
vacant  
**Richard Boutwell**  
**Cynthia Hamilton**  
**Tom Rothermal**  
**Kevin Sterling**  
**Emily Preston**

Historical Society Representative,  
V.F.W. Representative  
American Legion Representative  
Member at Large  
Member at Large  
Member at Large  
Member at Large  
Member at Large

Village Cemetery Overseer  
  
Conant Overseer  
Cutter Overseer  
Phillips-Heil Overseer  
Old Burying Ground Overseer  
Conant Recorder