

Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee

Next Meeting: Thursday 3 September 2015 at 2pm at Phillips-Heil Cemetery

AGENDA:

- Inspection of Phillips-Heil Cemetery and follow-up on Old Burying Ground
- Reports on other cemeteries
- Update from Cemetery Tour Committee

Notes on the meeting held on 6 August 2015 at 2pm at Village Cemetery then Small Pox Cemetery

The following met at 2pm at Village Cemetery: Richard Boutwell, Bill Driscoll, Cynthia Hamilton, Randy Heglin, Don MacIsaac, Emily Preston, Bill Sheldon, Rob Stephenson, Kevin Sterling and Charles Turcotte. Also, Aaron Abitz, Bruce Hill.

Reports were given for the following cemeteries: Cutter (Cynthia Hamilton noted that the area of Cutter Extension along the east wall could use some attention.) Phillips-Heil (Bill Driscoll reported that the granite entrance posts need straightening and a chain around a tree needs removing — which Charlie & Bill will remove. He again noted that the stone wall around the cemetery needs substantial work. The large tree down on the left side reportedly will be removed by the property owner for firewood. It was reported that the wood fence has been repaired by the abutting landowner.) Village (Rob Stephenson noted that the entrance gate has been repaired by Andy Webber and that DPW's Glenn Ruschioni has painted it. GreenLife Tree Care is scheduled to cut back overhanging branches. Aaron has removed vegetation in the cemetery.) Old Burying Ground (Kevin Sterling reported that the Bailey stone in the SW corner needs resetting. Items noted at the last meeting needing attention have been dealt with. The McIlroy headstone has been reset but probably not permanently. The overhanging branches along the north wall have been cut back by GreenLife Tree Care. Katsura Landscaping has cleaned up the area outside the walls near the Willa Cather gravesite which will be paid out of the Willa Cather Trust Fund.)

There was no report from the Tour Committee composed of Cynthia Hamilton, Dick Boutwell, Emily Preston and Paul St Pierre. (Emily later sent in those persons in Conant who are being researched: Alice Adams, Albert Annett, Bascom Family, Bean Family, Susan Clay, Grace Colby, John Conant, Jule Durant, Anne Gordon, Frank Humiston, Alice Lehtinen and Robert Sweeney.)

Rob reported that John Kaufhold of Peterborough Marble & Granite has been provided a list of stones in the Old Burying Ground, Cutter and Conant Cemeteries that need repair or resetting. This work will be done in this calendar year and paid for by the Gravestone Restoration Trust Fund.

GreenLife Tree Care still has tree work to do in Cutter and Village Cemeteries later this summer.

The Committee then went to the Small Pox Cemetery. Charlie Turcotte has built a handsome bridge near the entrance over an area subject to flooding. He has also weed whacked the cemetery itself which has greatly improved its appearance.

The Committee then went to the nearby Turcotte residence and enjoyed refreshments.

FUTURE MEETING: 3 September at Phillips-Heil Cemetery; 8 October at Town Office— Annual Meeting with DPW Director and Town Manager. Other meetings as needed.

Randyl Cournoyer	Cournoyer Funeral Home	
Don MacIsaac	Selectmen Representative	
Robert Stephenson	Historical Society Representative	Village Cemetery Overseer
Charles Turcotte	V.F.W. Representative	
Bill Sheldon	American Legion Representative	
Richard Boutwell	Member at Large	Conant Overseer
Cynthia Hamilton	Member at Large	Cutter Overseer
Emily Preston	Member at Large	Conant Recorder
Kevin Sterling	Member at Large	Old Burying Ground Overseer
Paul St Pierre	Non-voting associate	Genealogist
William Driscoll	Member at Large	Phillips-Heil Overseer
Bruce Hill	Associate	