

Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee

Next Meeting: May 5, 2016, Conant Cemetery at 2pm. Raindate: Thursday May 26.

AGENDA:

- Reports on cemeteries
- Update from Cemetery Tour Committee
- Issues and projects for 2016

Notes on the meeting held on 8 October 2015 at 2pm at the Town Office.

The following met at 2pm at the Town Office: Richard Boutwell, Cynthia Hamilton, Don MacIsaac, Emily Preston, Bill Sheldon, Rob Stephenson, Kevin Sterling and Charles Turcotte. Also, Dave Caron, Randy Heglin and Bruce Hill.

This meeting was the Committee's Annual Meeting at which it meets with the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works, as called for in the resolution establishing the Committee.

Randy Heglin reported that the Town had extended for one year the contract with Katsura Landscaping for mowing of the cemeteries as a cost of \$23,500. All are satisfied with the work done by this contractor.

Randy noted that the Fall Cleanup will occur during appropriate weather in November. Members are invited to assist.

Randy also discussed the new cemetery database and distributed printouts of it. This will allow anyone to search for relevant information on their computers.

The Committee discussed the two expendable Town trust funds related to cemeteries: Cemetery Trees and Gravestone Restoration. A certain amount is put into each at Town Meeting. Last year the two totalled \$3,000. The Committee decided to recommend to the Town Manager and the Selectmen that a sum of \$1,000 be added to each at next year's Town Meeting.

Emily Preston reported for the Cemetery Tour Committee. The Committee plans to meet on October 19th. The tour will be on a Sunday afternoon in June with a raindate. (Suggested date: June 5 with the 12th as a raindate.) This will be a joint program with the Jaffrey Historical Society. Rob Stephenson will help with the brochure/handout.

Charlie Turcotte reported that he had removed the chain from the tree in Phillips-Heil. The granite post still needs straightening. Randy noted that the Town had done some tree work there, also as a result of last month's inspection.

Rob announced that he would continue for another year as the informal coordinator of the Committee but will expect that some other Committee member will take over at the next Annual Meeting.

Rob announced that if there is a good day in the week ahead that he would e-mail members to arrange a work session at the Old Burying Ground to straighten stones.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Thursday, **June 16** at 2pm at the Old Burying Ground and Cutter Cemetery. Thursday, **July 7** at Philips-Heil Cemetery. Thursday, **August 18** at Village and Smallpox Cemeteries. Work sessions in September. Thursday, **October 6**, meeting with Town Manager and Director of Public Works, Town Office.

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
Bruce Hill	Member at Large	Cutter Overseer
Emily Preston	Member at Large	Conant Recorder
Kevin Sterling	Member at Large	Old Burying Ground Overseer
Paul St Pierre	Genealogist	
William Driscoll	Member at Large	Phillips-Heil Overseer