

Hooksett Cemetery Commission
Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 2:00PM
Tours of Hooksett Cemeteries

1. The trustees met @ 2:00pm at Riverside Cemetery. Attendance: Sharron Champagne, Denise Cascio Bolduc, and Mike Horne.

2. Riverside Cemetery tour and comments: The new fence along Route 3A looks great. The condition of the turf is good. There are a 4-6 headstones tipping seriously, a few ready to fall over. Could be a safety issue. Something should be done to upright them, though trustees unsure if the trustees have the authority to do so (headstones and monuments are the responsibility of the decedent's families). At the south end there are 3-4 old headstones in pieces, damaged by a vehicle (uninsured driver) that crashed into the old fence November 30, 2012 and hit them. Trustees discussed options to get them repaired.

3. Head Cemetery tour and comments: The trustees went to Head cemetery and first toured Section A (new). There are a few seriously overgrown bushes that extend beyond the lot lines. Mike said he had been contacted by one family asking if they could cut back the bushes by the fence and he had said yes. There are many headstones in the Old Section that need work to level and some broken that need repair, too.

4. Burial Ground off Cate Rd: The trustees stopped to show Denise the burial ground sometime referred to as "the cemetery behind Judge Cate's house". The efforts to trim brush a few years ago still looks good.

5. Davis Cate Cemetery tour and comments: The trustees walked the cemetery and Sharron explained what she knows about it. There is a need for some topsoil and seeding to reduce future erosion which is part of the TFY16 budget request.

6. Austin Cemetery: The final stop of the tour ended on South Bow Rd where an old Town road, now a private driveway exists. The trustees respected the sign and when unable to contact the homeowner, they decided to end the tour and not try to visit this cemetery.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Mike Horne closed the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Horne