

Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee

**Next Meeting: Thursday 9 September 2010, 3pm at Conant Cemetery. In case of rain:
Meetinghouse**

Agenda

1. Overseer reports
2. Inspect Conant. Update on fence repair.
3. Update on Cemetery trees
4. Update on Cutter Cemetery
5. Update on cemetery records
6. Update on Village Cemetery fence and Hearse House
7. Schedule John Conant fence worksessions
8. Student community service and other volunteer possibilities
9. Review of issues to address and projects to undertake in 2010-11
10. Possible visit to the Smallpox Cemetery, time and weather permitting
11. Date, time and place of next meeting.

Notes on the Meeting of 1 April 2010

The following met at 3pm at the Old Burying Ground: Randy Heglin, Don MacIsaac, Rob Stephenson and Kevin Sterling. Regrets: Randy Cournoyer and Cynthia Hamilton. Absent: Donald Cramb.

A work session for headstone straightening was scheduled for the next day, Friday 2 April at 2pm.

There was discussion about the issue of record keeping and a cemetery data base. This has been a recurring subject and it seems best to schedule a Committee meeting to focus entirely on this issue, to review all the past discussion and perhaps agree on an approach and what the next step might be.

It was reported that Robblee Tree Service had met with Kevin and Rob at the Old Burying Ground to discuss the tree situation. Andy Robblee will come up with a proposal and submit it. Michael Hartman, Town Manager, has said that a RFP will have to be sent out to local tree services with a response invited in 10-14 days. As of the moment, no proposal has been submitted by Robblee.

It seemed best for Kevin, who lives adjacent to the Old Burying Ground, to become its Overseer. Rob will take over Village Cemetery.

A National Honor Society student is open to the idea of devoting her community service commitment to either working on the John Conant fence project or the Village Cemetery railings, gate and Hearse House painting project. Rob will pursue this with her.

No damage was seen in the Old Burying Ground other than necessary headstone straightening.

Those in attendance then went to Cutter Cemetery. This seemed in good shape with very little cleaning up required. One headstone in the NW corner needs to be reset on its base. Rob will make this known to John Kaufhold. Randy raised the question of fencing/walling Cutter Extension. This needs discussion and consideration in the months ahead. The drainage channel along Harkness Road immediately in front of the cemetery needs some minor cleaning out which should be done by hand.

Those in attendance then went to Conant Cemetery. No winter damage was found although a fair amount of small branches are on the ground. These will be cleaned up by the contractor. Some white pines were thought to be candidates for trimming or removal. The small storage shed was looked at from the outside after Randy asked what the Committee thought about replacement of the shed by a smaller, new structure. Equipment for burials is stored in the shed. If something is done in the way of a replacement it seemed that the best option would be to locate it in the same position. Randy also hopes to have repairs made to the ice storm-damaged chain link fence. (Various sections were crushed and need to be replaced.) Unclear when these repairs might be done.

The Smallpox Cemetery was mentioned and as no one on the Committee had been to it since the Ice Storm it seemed advisable to make a visit this year to see if it has sustained any damage or otherwise needs attention.

Tom Rothermel submitted a report on Phillips-Heil Cemetery which is appended below.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm with no future meeting being scheduled.

“I walked through Phillips-Heil this morning. There are a few big branches down but they did not cause any damages from what I saw. There is a new foundation going in for a monument to the right of Lloyd and Hazel Wellington. It seems that when the hole was dug they used the gravel from the hole to fill in some low spots in the grass. This leaves a very rocky sand spot in the grass. I also noticed that the town graded the road last fall but never did anything with regards to fixing the culverts that we had looked at last fall.” —Tom Rothermel

Randy Cournoyer	Cournoyer Funeral Home	
Don MacIsaac	Selectmen Representative	
Robert Stephenson	Historical Society Representative	Village Cemetery Overseer
vacant	V.F.W. Representative	
vacant	American Legion Representative	
Cynthia Hamilton	Member at Large	Cutter Overseer
Tom Rothermal	Member at Large	Phillips-Heil Overseer
Kevin Sterling	Member at Large	Old Burying Ground Overseer
vacant	Member at Large	
vacant	Member at Large	