

Town of Jaffrey

Cemetery Committee

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 October 2010, 3pm at Smallpox Cemetery.
(Meet at end cul-de-sac of Fitch Rd behind DD Bean.) In case of rain: Town Office.**

Agenda

1. Overseer reports
2. Walk to and inspect Smallpox Cemetery.
3. Update on Cemetery trees
4. Update on Cutter Cemetery tree project
5. Update on Village Cemetery fence, gate and Hearse House
6. Update on cemetery records
7. Schedule John Conant fence worksessions
8. Date, time and place of next meeting.

Notes on the Meeting of 9 September 2010

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

A work session on the Conant fence proceeded the meeting. Tom, Kevin and Rob participated.

Overseer Reports:

Tom reported a large branch down in **Phillips-Heil**. The Town has graded the entrance road. Not mentioned but later recalled: A citizen reported that the granite sign post on Fitzwilliam Road is leaning. Tom looked at it and determined it is in no imminent danger of falling.

In the absence of a **Conant** Overseer, Randy reported that he would like to remove plantings around some of the monuments. The ones in question are unsightly or have been eaten by deer. He will photograph them and attempt to find the owners before removal. The ice storm damage to the perimeter fence has been repaired except in some areas not generally visible. These will be corrected in time. A new equipment shed will likely be installed in 2011. It's possible a new location will be chosen.

Cynthia reported that there is a stone leaning against a tree on the west side of **Cutter** whose origin is unknown. There is no lettering on it. One headstone needs reattachment to its base in the back left corner. Rob reported that the lean of the flagpole appears to have increased. The Dublin/Monadnock Garden Clubs tree project in Cutter will be the focus of a walk-around and reception on Saturday 2 October. More information will be available soon. Rob reported on a request for purchasing a multi-grave lot in New Cutter that is not in the two presently available sections. These are the only sections that are pinned, i.e. laid out by the surveyors. If lots were to be sold not in these two sections, additional pinning would probably have to be done. If the purchasers paid the cost of this, lots outside the two active sections might be sold. Cynthia is nearly finished doing an inventory of the graves in Cutter.

Rob reported that the repairs made last year to the gate at **Village** cemetery need to be painted as does the Hearse House. The latter will have to be scraped first. The rail fence along the entranceway needs two new rails and one rail needs to be re-attached, all due to damage from tree removal. Rob, Kevin, Tom and Don agreed to undertake some of this work probably on a morning when the weather is favorable. DPW will cover the cost of paint.

Kevin reported some large holes, presumably animal made, in the **Old Burying Ground**. He has noticed also that some veterans markers are not placed accurately (e.g. Revolutionary War marker at a grave of someone born after that war.) Cynthia will talk with Mr Pelletier at the American Legion to see about getting its list of veterans buried in each cemetery. Robblee Tree Service has not submitted any proposal for major tree work despite numerous phone calls. Randy said he would ask Rick to see if Steve Wright will look at the situation and submit a proposal.

Because of liability issues the Town is considering whether to continue to allow persons to do community service work for the Town. The Committee had hoped to have young volunteers help on the Village painting projects and the John Conant fence. Nothing will be done, therefore, for the time being.

There was discussion about memorial benches used as gravemarkers in our cemeteries. Although not necessarily inappropriate in themselves, if they multiply an overabundance of them could become a problem visually. Randy will look at the Regulations with this in mind. When a bench is proposed perhaps a design should be submitted to the Committee for a recommendation to the DPW.

The meeting was adjourned at about 3:45pm.

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	