

Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8 August 2012, 2 pm, at the Phillips-Heil Cemetery (if rain The Meetinghouse)

Agenda

- Condition of Phillips-Heil Cemetery
- OBG tree work in 2012-13—update
- Cutter tree planting—update
- Cutter Extension layout issues
- Conant storage shed—update
- Town cemetery record keeping progress
- Village Cemetery stone resetting
- Database and recordkeeping at Conant. Update from Emily
- Database and recordkeeping at Cutter. Update from Rob
- Hearse storage options
- Work sessions in 2012, spring onward: Conant fence; Village hearse house painting; Old Burying Ground & Village Cemetery stone straightening. Smallpox Cemetery clean-up. Can we get some volunteers beyond our members?

Notes on the Meeting of 27 June 2012

The following met at 2pm at the Old Burying Ground: Randy Cournoyer, Cynthia Hamilton, Randy Heglin, Don MacIsaac (later), Emily Preston, Rob Stephenson and Kevin Sterling.

It was noted that Dennis Wright scraped and painted the flagpole before Memorial Day. The Committee thanks Dennis and Emily will write him a letter to that effect. Where the maple stumps were ground has been graded and seeded and the grass seems to be taking hold. The large maple outside the wall by the Cather grave was inspected. Rather than removal, it will be pruned to take out dead wood. The dying nearby birch will be removed. Rob will arrange with Green Life Tree Care. Also the contractor will be asked to remove/trim some invasive growth. Randy Heglin will contact the tree service that removed the maples to see about taking down the pine trees this winter. One stone broken some months back still needs repair. Rob will contact John Kaufhold. There needs to be a stone straightening session, probably in September. The proposal for a new hearse house to accommodate the two antique hearses was discussed as was the idea of constructing containers for them to be placed in the Horse Sheds.

The Committee next went to Cutter Cemetery. It met with Margaret Pokorny who gave an update on the recent tree planting. 16 maples were planted and are now being watered through the summer by Cody Gordon. This is a project of the Monadnock and Dublin Garden Clubs. There was discussion about the first tree on the left as you enter the central roadway. Randy Cournoyer is of the opinion that it will be hit by vehicles in the cemetery. It was decided to wait for a year and see how it fares. It could be moved before it gets too established. The Committee expressed its thanks to the two garden clubs and suggested that the Selectmen communicate the appreciation of the Town in the form of a letter. Emily and Cynthia will work up such a letter. The “tree farm” in Cutter Extension was inspected. The saplings are now about 2 feet tall. These will be moved next spring. One possibility discussed was planting them in a line along the southerly boundary of the cemetery. This will be further discussed at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3pm.

Suggested dates for future meetings: August 8, September 19 and October 24. These are all Wednesdays. We will meet at 2 pm, most times at a specific cemetery. The October meeting will be with the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works as required by the resolution establishing the Committee.

Randyl Cournoyer	Cournoyer Funeral Home	
Don MacIsaac	Selectmen Representative	
Robert Stephenson	Historical Society Representative, Village Cemetery Overseer	
Andy Roy	V.F.W. Representative	
vacant	American Legion Representative	
Richard Boutwell	Member at Large	Conant Overseer
Cynthia Hamilton	Member at Large	Cutter Overseer
Tom Rothermal	Member at Large	Phillips-Heil Overseer
Kevin Sterling	Member at Large	Old Burying Ground Overseer
Emily Preston	Member at Large	Conant Recorder