

Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee

Next Meeting: Tuesday 16 April 2013 at 2pm at Conant Cemetery. In case of rain, at the Town Office.

Agenda

- Condition of Conant Cemetery; possibly inspection of Village Cemetery
- OBG tree work status
- Cutter Extension layout issues
- Town cemetery record keeping progress
- Village Cemetery stone resetting status
- Database and recordkeeping at Conant. Update from Emily
- Database and recordkeeping at Cutter. Update from Rob
- Hearse storage options
- Work sessions in 2013, spring onward: Conant fence; Village hearse house painting; Old Burying Ground stone straightening. Smallpox Cemetery clean-up.

Notes on the Meeting of 17 October 2012

The following met at 2pm at the Town Offices: Richard Boutwell, Cynthia Hamilton, Randy Heglin, Don MacIsaac, Emily Preston, Tom Rothermel, Rob Stephenson and Kevin Sterling. Paul St Pierre and Bill Sheldon, the Committee's prospective Genealogist and American Legion member, respectively, also attended. Andy Roy and Randy Cournoyer were absent.

This was the annual meeting with the Town Manager and Director of Public Works as called for in the resolution setting up the Committee. Among its purposes are to discuss budgeting and cemetery policy. The mowing contract is coming to an end. There is overall satisfaction with the job the contractor is doing and Randy said the contract will be extended and possibly on the same terms.

The two cemetery-related articles that normally are included in the warrant were discussed. At the last Town Meeting, \$500 was added to the Gravestone Restoration Trust Funds and \$2,000 was added to the Cemetery Trees Trust Fund. At the end of September the fund balances were \$7,425.80 and \$8,418.77, respectively. The Committee recommends that the same amounts be added next year. Any tree work carried out in the southwest quadrant of the Old Burying Ground can also make use of money from the Willa Cather Trust Fund which currently has a balance of \$38,411.50. Randy has not heard back from the tree people regarding the removal of the white pines in the Old Burying Ground. Hopefully, these can be removed this winter.

Extensive stone work has been done in Conant Cemetery this fall by John Kaufhold. He also hopes to start in Village Cemetery before winter sets in. He estimates that he will be billing the Gravestone Restoration Trust Fund for ca. \$5,250 which would leave a balance in the Fund of about \$2,175.

Bill Sheldon has been proposed by the American Legion to be its representative on the Committee. The procedure was discussed. The commander of the Legion should write a letter to the Selectmen who will take action on it at a future meeting.

It was agreed that Paul St Pierre will serve the Committee as Genealogist.

Randy reported that the new storage shed is due to arrive at Conant on November 7th. It will cost \$4,605.05 which will be paid from the Bradley Trust. Rob will arrange for a check to be issued. The shed will be located on the site of the present shed.

Paul St Pierre offered to do any necessary maintenance work on the Smallpox Cemetery and the path leading to it. After discussion, it was proposed that the Committee meet at the cemetery in the spring and assist Paul.

Rob reported that after several years, the scraping and painting of the John Conant fence has been completed. One volunteer project for next year will be the painting of the north and east sides of the Hearse House at Village Cemetery.

No future meetings were scheduled. Unless needed, the next meeting will be in the early spring.

Randyl Cournoyer	Cournoyer Funeral Home	
Don MacIsaac	Selectmen Representative	
Robert Stephenson	Historical Society Representative, Village Cemetery Overseer	
Andy Roy	V.F.W. Representative	
Bill Sheldon	American Legion Representative	
Richard Boutwell	Member at Large	Conant Overseer
Cynthia Hamilton	Member at Large	Cutter Overseer
Tom Rothermel	Member at Large	Phillips-Heil Overseer
Kevin Sterling	Member at Large	Old Burying Ground Overseer
Emily Preston	Member at Large	Conant Recorder
Paul St Pierre	Non-voting associate	Genealogist