

Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee

Next Meeting: Thursday 15 August 2013 at 2 pm at Village Cemetery. If time, continuation at Smallpox Cemetery. In case of rain, re-scheduled to 22 August.

Agenda

- Condition of Village Cemetery
- OBG tree work status
- Cutter Extension layout issues and tree planting
- 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
- Review of Cemetery Rules and Regulation
- Work sessions in 2013, spring onward: Conant fence; Old Burying Ground stone straightening. Smallpox Cemetery clean-up.

Notes on the Meeting of 11 July 2013

The following met at 2 pm at Phillips-Heil Cemetery: Dick Boutwell, Randy Heglin, Don MacIsaac, Emily Preston, Andy Roy and Rob Stephenson.

Phillips-Heil was walked. Condition generally very good. One leaning slate. The stone wall needs some minor wall-mending.

Andy Roy agreed to take over from Tom Rothermel as Phillips-Heil overseer.

Rob reported that contractor Turner & Renard spent three days 24-26 July removing trees along the west edge of the Old Burying Ground. See <http://smu.gs/157Q7RP> for photos. The total cost—\$6,550—was met by the Cemetery Trees Fund-Public (\$3,550) and the Willa Cather Fund (\$3,000). Randy expressed happiness with Turner & Renard's work. The stumps will not be ground in this phase to avoid damage to existing stones. Randy and Committee members will visit the Old Burying Ground to determine Phase II of the tree project which will be more complicated to rig. A crane might be able to be set up on the abutting Ames property.

Randy reported that Michael Smith, a summer DPW worker, has painted the Village Cemetery hearse house.

Rob reported that he had spoken with the Conant building arts program director about possibly having a new hearse house constructed to accommodate the two historic hearses. This is a project that the Historical Society might take the lead on.

The fence at Conant Cemetery might be entirely painted this fall so that the finish is consistent throughout.

Randy raised the issue of lots at Cutter Extension specifically to accommodate the wishes of an abutter. Consequently, the Committee reconvened at Cutter Extension. Randy laid out the issue and one solution: the creation of a Founders section of the Extension. This might be a series of full burial lots running along the east boundary parallel with the stone wall. Those who contributed money to the purchase of the land making up the Extension would be invited to purchase for a limited period of time lots in this section. Rob will provide Randy with the names of the donors and Randy will do up a proposal for discussion and for submission to the Selectmen.

The issue of fees for lots was raised. There was some confusion over whether they've been raised since 2005. Apparently they haven't as the fees on the Town website are the same as those in 2005. See http://townofjaffrey.com/Pages/JaffreyNH_Bcomm/Cemetery/fees.pdf

The tree nursery at the north end of the Extension was inspected and discussed. Some seedlings have already been removed. Rob will inspect those that remain with Margaret Pokorny and determine if any are viable for transplanting. If a reasonable number are viable they will be transplanted in the fall in a line along the south boundary of the Extension.

The Lang stone in Cutter has not been reset yet. Several stones in the Old Burying Ground also need repair/resetting. John Kaufhold is aware of these but they might not be attended to until the fall.

Rob will arrange for hard copies of the present Cemetery Rules & Regulations to be produced and provided to Committee members at the next meeting. A Committee meeting in the fall or winter will be devoted to a review of these.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 pm.

The next meeting was set for 2 pm on Thursday 15 August at Village Cemetery, Turnpike Road. In case of substantial rain, we'll meet the following Thursday (22 August).

Randyl Cournoyer
Don MacIsaac
Robert Stephenson
Andy Roy
Bill Sheldon
Richard Boutwell
Cynthia Hamilton
Kevin Sterling
Emily Preston
Paul St Pierre
vacancy

Cournoyer Funeral Home
Selectmen Representative
Historical Society Representative
V.F.W. Representative
American Legion Representative
Member at Large
Member at Large
Member at Large
Member at Large
Non-voting associate
Member at Large

Village Cemetery Overseer
Phillips-Heil Overseer

Conant Overseer
Cutter Overseer
Old Burying Ground Overseer
Conant Recorder
Genealogist