

# **Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee**

**Next Meeting: Thursday 26 June 2014 at 2pm at Village Cemetery (if poor weather, at the Town Office).**

## **AGENDA:**

- Update on proposed changes to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.
- Inspection of Village Cemetery and Small Pox Cemetery.
- Update on tree work at Old Burying Ground and Conant Cemetery.
- Update on stone repair.

## **Notes on the meeting held on 29 May 2014 at 2pm at Old Burying Ground & Cutter.**

The following met at 2pm at the Old Burying Ground: Kathy Batchelder, Dick Boutwell, Bill Driscoll, Cynthia Hamilton, Emily Preston, Rob Stephenson and Kevin Sterling.

The Committee walked around the Old Burying Ground. Aaron Abitz was asked to clean up the area between the south wall west of the gate and the road down to the point by the Cather gravesite. There are many small saplings and a fair amount of downed branches to be picked up. The \$200-300 will be picked up by the Willa Cather Trust Fund. The trees along the west wall by Kevin Sterling's house await removal by the tree contractor. The Committee inspected the northwest corner where several trees were taken down this past winter. A stone that is being stabilized with wood bracing was inspected. A work session will be arranged in September to straighten leaning headstones.

The Committee then went to Cutter Cemetery and did a walk-around including the Extension. The downed Whitney stone has been repaired by Peterborough Marble & Granite. There will be no charge as they had repaired it not long ago. Several small cuttings from the old maples were planted along the south boundary of the Extension and appear to be doing well. Some of the new maples in Cutter were inspected. Bark has come off on many of the trunks. Margaret Pokorny inspected them recently and was not overly concerned as the trees are leafing out well. An eye will be kept on them. Some small trees of little importance are growing up on the south side of the entrance to the Extension that will be removed next time that GreenLife Tree Care is doing pruning in the cemetery.

The question of footstones was raised. The proposed revisions to the Cemetery Rules & Regulations do not allow for new footstones. However, at Cutter and some other cemeteries, there are individual small stones—some upright and some flush with the ground—that are associated with a larger family monument. These generally are engraved with initials or terms such as "Father" or "Mother." The full names of these people appear on the larger upright monuments. The proposed wording in the revision will have to be written in such a way to allow new ones, if proposed, so that a consistency is maintained.

It was reported that Wally's Tree Service was removing the banded pines along the entrance drive at Conant Cemetery. The work was probably completed today.

The meeting adjourned at just after 3pm.

**FUTURE MEETING:** On Thursdays at 2pm. 26 June at Village Cemetery (at Town Office if rain); 25 September at Phillips-Heil Cemetery (at Town Office if rain); 16 October (at Town Office. Annual Meeting with DPW Director and Town Manager). Other meetings as needed.

<b>Randyl Cournoyer</b>	Cournoyer Funeral Home	
<b>Kathleen Batchelder</b>	Selectmen Representative	
<b>Robert Stephenson</b>	Historical Society Representative	Village Cemetery Overseer
<b>vacancy</b>	V.F.W. Representative	
<b>Bill Sheldon</b>	American Legion Representative	
<b>Richard Boutwell</b>	Member at Large	Conant Overseer
<b>Cynthia Hamilton</b>	Member at Large	Cutter Overseer
<b>Emily Preston</b>	Member at Large	Conant Recorder
<b>Kevin Sterling</b>	Member at Large	Old Burying Ground Overseer
<b>Paul St Pierre</b>	Non-voting associate	Genealogist
<b>William Driscoll</b>	Member at Large	Phillips-Heil Overseer