

Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee

Next Meeting: Thursday 11 June 2015 at 2pm at Conant Cemetery (if poor weather, Thursday 25 June).

AGENDA:

- Inspection of Conant Cemetery
- Reports on other cemeteries

Notes on the meeting held on 16 October 2014 at 2pm at Town Office.

The following met at 3pm at the Town Office: Dick Boutwell, Dave Caron, Bill Driscoll, Emily Preston, Randy Heglin, Bill Sheldon, Rob Stephenson, Kevin Sterling, Charles Turcotte.

This was the Annual Meeting of the Committee with the Director of Public Works and the Town Manager.

Proposed changes to the present Cemetery Rules and Regulations—which had been discussed and reviewed by the Committee over the past two years—were approved by the Committee for recommendation to the Board of Selectmen, on a motion made, seconded and voted. The Board of Selectmen will schedule a public hearing on November 10, 2014 to consider the proposal.

All were in agreement that the current contractor—Katsura Landscaping—is doing a good job maintaining the cemeteries. The present contract runs for three years with two one-year extensions. It is likely to be put out to bid at the end of that five-year period which is coming up in the near future.

Randy suggested that signage might be considered at each cemetery to highlight several of the relevant Rules & Regulations, for instance “no artificial flowers, no dogs”, et al. Members were asked to think about this and consider what might be highlighted for discussion at a future meeting.

The brush near the roadway up to Phillips-Heil and the deteriorating split-rail fence were discussed. Bill Sheldon volunteered to remove the brush. At some point Emily and Randy will contact the owner of the abutting property to discuss the fence.

Rob reported on the recent historical tour of the Peterborough cemetery on Old Street Road. He mentioned that the Jaffrey Historical Society is interested in putting together a somewhat similar tour of one of Jaffrey’s cemeteries, possibly starting with Conant, that could highlight some of the prominent Jaffrey citizens buried there. This could be a joint effort by the Committee and the JHS. The four JHS directors on the Committee (Rob, Dick, Emily, Bill Driscoll) and Kevin Sterling will devote some attention to this possibility over the winter.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.

FUTURE MEETING: On Thursdays at 2pm. 2 July at Old Burying Ground and Cutter Cemetery; 6 August at Village Cemetery and Smallpox Cemetery; 3 September at Phillips-Heil Cemetery; 8 August at Town Office. Annual Meeting with DPW Director and Town Manager. Other meetings as needed.

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