

Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee

Next Meeting: June 16, 2016, Old Burying Ground at 2pm. If raining: Horsesheds.

AGENDA:

- Reports on cemeteries
- Update from Cemetery Tour Committee
- Issues and projects for 2016

Notes on the meeting held on 5 May 2016 at 2pm at Conant Cemetery.

The following met at 2pm at Conant Cemetery: Richard Boutwell, Bill Driscoll, Bruce Hill, Emily Preston, Rob Stephenson and Kevin Sterling. Also, Aaron Abitz (Katsura Landscaping), Randy Heglin, Paul St Pierre.

This meeting was the Committee's first meeting of the season.

Members reported on their cemeteries: Village Cemetery (Rob): no problems. Cutter (Bruce Hill): no problems. Bruce asked about who does flowers in the two pots at the entrance. Cynthia has done them in the past. Bruce will do them now. Phillips-Heil (Bill): stonewall has been repaired. Post still leaning. Sign on Fitzwilliam Road is still missing [Note: Tom Rothermel has repaired the steelwork and Walt has re-done the sign. It has since the meeting been reinstalled.] Conant (Dick): one stone is leaning [Note: was inspected later and Emily said she would see that it's straightened. Dick has removed some illegal decorations.] Old Burying Ground (Kevin). Kevin, Rob and Charlie reset a slate gravestone that appeared to have separated on its own during the winter. Rob reported that John Kaufhold of Peterborough Marble and Granite will powerwash the Willa Cather monument [completed]. Afterwards, Aaron Abitz will clean up the surroundings and also plant an appropriate ground cover around the monument [completed]. Both will be paid for by the Willa Cather Trust Fund. The cemetery guide on the west end of the Horsesheds has grately faded in the past year. Rob has a replacement and will install it. The disintegrating gate at the NE corner of the Old Burying Ground has been replaced with a new version made by Andy Webber. The Town will pay \$100 of the \$196.78. cost; the Ames will pay the remainder and paint it later in the year.

Randy reported that the left-hand stone post at the entrance to Conant was hit by some vehicle and that the estimate for repair was in the neighborhood of \$9,000. The Town's insurance will pick up the cost less the \$1,000 deductible. John Given will do the repairs. This means there will be little or no money in 2016 for miscellaneous repairs to cemeteries.

Aaron Abitz reported to the Committee as the contractor for the Town. He saw no problems; virtually all of the winter cleanup has been completed. The Town and the Committee are pleased by the performance of Katsura Landscaping.

Randy raised the issue of grubs. Aaron will continue with the environmentally safe treatment that he's been using but that the beneficial effects may take some time to be noticeable.

Emily Preston reported for the Cemetery Tour Committee. The Jaffrey Historical Society/Cemetery Committee walking tour of Conant will occur on June 5 with the 12th as a raindate. [Note: This has since been changed to Saturday June 11, raindate Saturday June 18]. She displayed a plan showing the 12 graves that will be visited. She, Helen Coll and Rob will meet about the brochure/handout [done].

The meeting adjourned at about 2:30pm.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Thursday, **June 16** at 2pm at the Old Burying Ground and Cutter Cemetery. Thursday, **July 7** at Philips-Heil Cemetery. Thursday, **August 18** at Village and Smallpox Cemeteries. Work sessions in September. Thursday, **October 6**, meeting with Town Manager and Director of Public Works, Town Office.

Randyl 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
Bruce Hill	Member at Large	Cutter Overseer
Emily Preston	Member at Large	Conant Recorder
Kevin Sterling	Member at Large	Old Burying Ground Overseer
William Driscoll	Member at Large	Phillips-Heil Overseer