

Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 6, 2016, Annual Meeting with Town Manager and Director of Public Works. Town Office at 2pm.

AGENDA:

- Reports on cemeteries
- Issues and projects for 2017

Notes on the meeting held on 25 August 2016 at 2pm at Village & Smallpox Cemeteries.

The following met at 2pm at Village Cemetery: Dick Boutwell, Bill Driscoll, Bruce Hill, Don MacIsaac, Emily Preston, Rob Stephenson and Charlie Turcotte.

Members reported on their cemeteries: Cutter (Bruce): OK. Phillips-Heil (Bill): granite posts at entrance are leaning. Conant (Dick): no report.

The sleigh hearse in the Hearse House was viewed. There was a discussion about adding windows to the house to make viewing possible. Village Cemetery was toured. It is well maintained with regard to grass cutting. There still remain a number of broken stones. John Kaufhold will be asked if any can be repaired. Bruce will do a sample cleaning of one of the monuments, perhaps at a session during September.

Emily will mention to the owners of the house beside Phillips-Heil about the possibility of evergreens being used to replace the decaying wood-rail fence.

Material provided by Randy Heglin on the gravesite cleaning and maintenance services provided by Cathy Proulx under the name 'Monumental Care' was distributed. The Selectmen have approved her request. Bruce Hill has offered to meet with her to review cleaning materials and techniques.

The Smallpox Cemetery was then inspected. There are several dead trees at the entrance to the path at the Fitch Road cul-de-sac that should be removed. The path itself is in good shape. There is some old dead wood to the sides that could be removed. The cemetery itself has recently been weed whacked. The contract with Katsura should be inspected to see if there is any mention of the Smallpox Cemetery. If not, weed whacking of the cemetery and the path once or twice a year might be added.

The Committee was notified that a NH Old Graveyard Association meeting will be held in Keene at the Historical Society of Cheshire County on Saturday, September 10, starting at 9:30.

There will be no Committee meeting in September but a work session will be held in the Old Burying Ground for stone straightening on a day with good cool weather. Members will be notified by e-mail.

Upon adjournment the Committee enjoyed refreshments at the Turcotte's house.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Work sessions in September. Thursday, **October 6**, meeting with Town Manager and Director of Public Works, Town Office.

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
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