

LYME CEMETERY COMMISSION

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Present: Jennifer Cooke, Jean Smith

The cost of planting a hemlock hedge beside the Highland garage, on the border of the cemetery property cost \$3100 and the 2009 budget allocated \$3500 for Planting, so there is essentially no more money left for the planned landscaping at Porter or along the access road in the Highland Cemetery.

We have budgeted funds this year for erecting the old iron fence pieces that we have had renovated. We discussed who we could get to do this work and it was agreed that the best place to start was with Jeff at Hawk Mountain Ironworks where we had the work done on the fence sections.

It was agreed to have Jim Henderson come out and look at the trees in Gilbert Cemetery to see what work he could do to prevent tree branches falling on the old fragile old stones that we have recently restored. Two of those footstones were badly damaged this winter by a tree branch falling on them. There is no money in the budget for this work this year, but we could budget for it for next year.

The fence at Porter needs work. In talking to Bill, he feels that most of the boards should be replaced. There was some talk of getting the appropriate equipment to drill holes in the stone fence post and attaching the boards that way. Perhaps, when the fence is erected and repaired, we could offer the job of painting to some school group.

Jennifer suggested that it would be nice to take the old iron gate that we had planned to use in the Memorial Garden up and see how it worked out with the present planting configuration. It would be very nice to use the gate, preferably there, or at least somewhere in the Highland Cemetery.

Benches for the Memorial Garden were discussed. Jennifer has found some very attractive ones in a catalog; the only problem is that they are very expensive. We discussed the possibility of having part or all of the cost covered as a memorial gift. We will ask around to see what kind of interest there might be in this idea.

A project we want to get started on is to do a photo inventory of all the stones in the Old Cemetery. Before this is begun, some kind of map/chart and lot numbering system has to worked out.

There are four stones in the southeast corner next to Route 10 right across from the Church that are in danger of being damaged by road traffic because the edge of the road has eroded so close them. When Jon Appell comes this summer to do the restoration work, we will ask him to move them.