

East Montpelier Cemetery Commission

Annual Report for Year, 2014-2015

Pauline Coburn was elected chair and Frederick Strong was named clerk for 2014-2015.

It is our intention that the graves of all veterans be marked with a flag. Please advise the commission if a grave has been missed.

Goals for the 2015 season include:

- Complete the rehabilitation of the Cutler cemetery fence with low maintenance granite posts and plastic chain.
- Completion of the landscaping and other maintenance at the Tinkham cemetery
- Further evaluation of remedies for the wet area in the lower corner of the Cutler cemetery.
- Update and improve the map of the Doty cemetery.

2014 Activities:

- Replaced the four wood gateposts at the Cutler cemetery with granite posts and relocated them further from the road to permit off road parking when the cemetery is closed.
- Cleaned and repaired monuments in the Cate cemetery, and leveled many monuments in the Village cemetery to prevent damage to the monuments.
- Fence repair on the left side of the Cutler cemetery was completed and a downed tree was cleaned up.
- A second trailer was purchased for hauling the second lawn tractor.

Future anticipated expenses to be taken from existing discretionary funds:

- Equipment replacement
- Land acquisition for additional burial space
- Cutler cemetery vault renovation

A budget of \$14250 was developed for the coming year. Due to limited income from the cemetery bank accounts, and planning for future equipment replacement, \$7000 is requested from the town. The remainder will be taken from the Cemetery Commission bank accounts. The budget is as follows: Payroll \$7500, Fence Painting & Repair \$2000, Tombstone cleaning & repair \$2000, Parts, supplies and equipment maintenance \$1000, Tree cutting \$1000, Flags & markers \$150, Cemetery Association \$100, Contingency/Hogweed remediation \$500. Total \$14250.

Burial lots are available in the Doty cemetery. Costs are as follows:

- Four grave plot \$1350 includes \$750 for perpetual care and \$150 for plot corner markers.
- Two grave plot \$750 includes \$375 for perpetual care and \$150 for plot corner markers.
- Cremation plot \$500 includes \$225 for perpetual care and \$150 for plot corner markers.

The commissioners thank:

- Pauline Coburn for hosting the commission meetings.
- Allen Ploof, for his assistance with cemetery upkeep.

Pauline Coburn, Chair

Gary Hudson

Elliot Morse

Allen Ploof

Frederick Strong

Frederick C. Strong, Clerk