

East Montpelier Cemetery Commission

Annual Report for Year, 2015-2016

Pauline Coburn was elected chair and Frederick Strong was named clerk for 2015-2016.

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 2016 season include:

- Complete the rehabilitation of the Cutler cemetery fence with low maintenance granite posts and plastic chain. The area was too wet to complete the project last summer.
- Completion of the landscaping and other maintenance at the Tinkham cemetery
- Update and improve the map of the Doty cemetery.
- Cut and remove brush encroaching on the Village cemetery fencing.

2015 Activities:

- The brush encroaching on the fence at the Cate cemetery was cut back out of the way and the entire fence was painted.
- Tree limbs that were endangering monuments in the Cutler cemetery were removed.
- In an effort to improve communications with our workers, a list providing details of the tasks required to keep each of our cemeteries appearance presentable was created.
- A Kubota BX1870 lawn tractor equipped with a roll bar was purchased to provide for safe operation in the hilly Cutler cemetery,

Future anticipated expenses to be taken from existing discretionary funds:

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

A level 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 \$8500, Fence Painting & Repair \$2000, Tombstone cleaning & repair \$1500, Parts, supplies and equipment maintenance \$1000, Tree cutting \$500, 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
Allen Ploof

Gary Hudson
Frederick Strong

Elliott Morse

Frederick C. Strong, Clerk