

# East Montpelier Cemetery Commission

The East Montpelier Cemetery Commission met at the Coburn home on December 18, 2014 at 2:30 PM. The following members were present: Pauline Coburn, Chair, Allen Ploof, Elliott Morse, Gary Hudson and Frederick Strong, Clerk.

## OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

The wet area in the Cutler cemetery was discussed at length. It was **voted** to show Kevin Hudson what needs to be done and solicit a proposal and cost estimate for the task.

It was **voted** to have Elliott order 12 granite posts for spring delivery to complete the Cutler cemetery fence renovation.

Elliott reported:

- There has been some reduction in unsightly unauthorized decorations at the Doty cemetery.
- Overhanging branches at the Cutler cemetery will need to be removed.
- Leaning monuments at the Cutler cemetery require leveling.
- An accumulation of brush needs to be removed at the Tinkham, and some fence repairs are needed.

Paulie reported that expenditures for the year totaled \$13175.04.

## NEW BUSINESS

A budget was developed and **voted** for the coming season. All items were level funded. Budgeted were: Payroll \$7500, Fence Painting and Repair \$2000, Tombstone Cleaning & Repair \$2000, Cemetery Association \$100, Parts, Supplies & Equipment \$1000, Contingency/Hogweed Remediation \$500, Flags & Markers \$150, Tree Cutting \$1000. Total \$14250. Despite the overall budget, the request to the town was kept at \$7000.

Allen Ploof reported that he will be limited in what work he can do next year. After discussion he agreed to research the possibility of utilizing a prison work crew to assist Elliott in summer maintenance and burials.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM. The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

Frederick C. Strong, Clerk