

East Montpelier Cemetery Commission

Annual Report for Year, 2017-2018

Christopher Reed was elected chair and Frederick Strong was named clerk for 2017-2018.

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 2018 season include:

- Complete the rehabilitation of the Cutler cemetery fence. The area was too wet to complete the project last summer.
- Completion of the landscaping and fence repair
- at the Tinkham cemetery.
- Update and improve the map of the Doty cemetery.
- Repair and stabilization of the Cutler cemetery vault.

2017 Activities:

- A perimeter tree that fell on adjoining property at the Cutler cemetery was cut and removed.
- Some of the Cutler fence improvement project was completed.
- The heavy steel door was removed from the Cutler vault to relieve strain on the structure. The granite has been temporarily braced to prevent further movement.

Future anticipated expenses:

- Equipment replacement (Push mower and string trimmer)
- Land acquisition for additional burial space

A budget of \$17250 was developed for the coming year. Due to depletion of the cemetery bank accounts, and planning for repair of the Cutler vault, \$17250 is requested from the town. The budget is as follows: Payroll \$11000, Fence Painting & Repair \$2000, Tombstone cleaning & repair \$1500, Parts, supplies and equipment maintenance \$1500, Tree cutting \$500, Flags & markers \$150, Cemetery Association \$100, Contingency/Hogweed remediation \$500. Total \$17250.

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

- Four grave plot \$1400 includes \$750 for perpetual care and \$150 for plot corner markers.
- Two grave plot \$800 includes \$375 for perpetual care and \$150 for plot corner markers.
- Cremation plot \$550 includes \$225 for perpetual care and \$150 for plot corner markers.

The commissioners thank:

- Chris Reed for his leadership this year.
- Frederick Strong for his many years of service and for hosting the meetings.
- Chris Lumbra for mowing the White cemetery.
- Dr. Gilbert for assisting with cleanup from the fallen tree at the Cutler cemetery.

Christopher Reed, Chair
Tim Lamson

Gary Hudson Elliott Morse
Frederick Strong

Frederick C. Strong, Clerk