

East Montpelier Cemetery Commission

Annual Report for Year, 2018-2019

Tim Lamson was elected chair and Emily Goyette was named clerk for 2018-2019.

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.

Tasks for the 2019 season include:

- Mowing and landscaping as usual
- Maintaining all equipment (no new equipment is needed)
- Fixing posts: some need painting or staining, and some need straightening using crushed stone from the Town (Doty, Quaker, Cutler, Village, and Tinkham)
- Cutting brush in the Village cemetery
- Replacing flags before Memorial Day
- Moving corner markers in Cate
- Installing Revolutionary, Civil, and WWI war markers for the veterans in the Willard Cutler and Gould cemeteries
- Burning Doty brush
- Removing dead tree in Doty
- Dealing with woodchucks in Tinkham and Quaker
- Creating Excel sheets with names and rough locations, and preparing maps to be located at each cemetery (starting with the smallest first). The post and container will be like those at the East Montpelier Trail access points: a stand will hold plastic-coated sheets in a ring binder, perhaps with a visitor sign in sheet.

2018 activities:

- Cutler cemetery vault repair and stabilization finished
- New push mower and string trimmer acquired
- Battled hogweed
- Refurbished the Willard Cutler cemetery, located on Cathi Buni & Bill Kaplin's property, that represents 24-36 graves: righted toppling markers; weeded out saplings, cut down small trees, chopped out roots and stumps; built a perimeter of 4x4x8 posts connected with plastic chain. Access is via the corner of Cummings Road near the sap collection station, climbing the hill to avoid the sugaring pipelines.
- Established Gould cemetery, located on Les Birnbaum & Allison Caldwell's property, to represent 18-24 graves with similar work as above. Access is via a trail from Sparrow Farm Road.
- Voted to put before voters a proposed change from an autonomous commission with elected members to a committee under the Selectboard's authority with appointed members

Future anticipated expenses:

- Land acquisition for additional burial space

A level funded budget of \$17,250 was developed for this coming year:

Payroll	\$11,000
Fence Painting & Repair	2,000
Tombstone Cleaning & Repair	1,500
Cemetery Association Fees	100
Parts, Supplies & Maintenance	1,500
Contingency/Hogweed Remediation	500
Flags & Markers	150
Tree Cutting	<u>500</u>

Total

\$17,250

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

- Four grave plot \$1,400, 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 Tim Lamson and Elliott Morse for their leadership and historical perspective.

Tim Lamson, Chair

Elliott Morse

Gary Hudson

Jonathan Boucher

Emily Goyette, Clerk