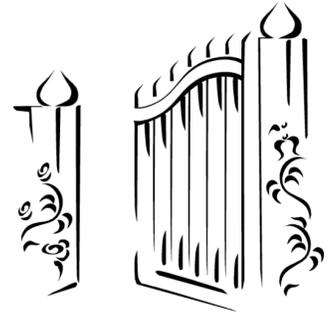




TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 3, 2007, 7pm
Gilmanton Academy
503 Province Road

Present: Trustees Marion McIntyre, Candace Daigle and Leonard Stockwell, Jr.

The Trustees have just learned that Carl Moorehead will be unavailable for 8-10 weeks due to a medical condition. Fortunately, Margo Healey has agreed to take over the maintenance of the main sites to get through the Memorial Day period. The list given to her includes: Buzzell, Copp, Friends, Guinea Ridge, Hillside, Page, Sleeper, Tibbetts, and Wilson Hill. She will try to get assistance from the Boy Scouts also. Her rate is \$30 per hour.

The Trustees considered the impact of this on the 2007 budget which totals \$5,300 for maintenance, projects and supplies. Projects may have to be postponed this year to cover maintenance costs. It's been a recurring discussion with the Trustees for some time that Carl has done such a great job for so many years and has asked a very low hourly rate. When he is no longer able to continue with the job, the Town portion of the expenses are going to increase. At the end of this year the Trustees will take another look at maintenance costs when developing the 2008 budget request.

JR reported that the trees were not taken out of Edgerly-1 by the logger who was cutting the adjacent lot. JR will take on this site for this year's project. There are 3 dead trees to come down, the area cleaned out and a chain run between the existing posts. He's already cut the new pathway along the easement obtained by the Town when the property was subdivided. Marion reported that the records indicate that only the wife and children were transported to this site for burial, but JR asked about other apparent fieldstone markers. He'll take inventory once the site has been cleared out.

A second project that was being considered for this year is completing the wall around the Sawyer Lake Cemetery. Candace will check with the abutting landowner for access.

JR will also check the status of Carl's clearing last year in the Emerson cemetery.

The Trustees discussed amendments to the Cemetery Rules. A copy of the current Rules have been sent to Chief O'Brien and he's been asked to let the Trustees know if there is anything else that needs to be done for him to enforce the Rules. Amendments currently under consideration:

- Add Friends Cemetery (which was inadvertently left out of the original list)
- Require that a receipt be signed by lot owners when they are provided with a copy of the Regulations and add that form
- Add a list of "Other Resources" including:

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- NH Board of Registration of Funeral Directors and Embalmers
- NH Funeral Directors' Association
- Federal Trade Commission

Candace has contacted Virginia Stanley, Paul Darbyshire and the Local Government Center regarding Mrs. Stanley's offer of a protective easement around the Mary Butler Homestead Marker. Mrs. Stanley and her son William D. Stanley III wish to give the Town a 75' protective easement around the perimeter of the marker before Mrs. Stanley puts her lot on the market. The easement will be to the Town instead of the D.A.R. who owns the marker site, because the Town is logistically more suited to enforce the terms of the easement. Paul Darbyshire has offered to provide the necessary plan at no cost. Candace will check with Tim Warren to see if the Selectmen have the authority to accept the easement by their motion. The easement should protect the area from development, building, excavating and tree clearing.

Candace will check with the Town regarding both liability and property damage insurance for the cemeteries. Especially now that the Town is operating the Buzzell cemetery, there should be adequate coverage available.

Respectfully submitted,



Candace L. Daigle