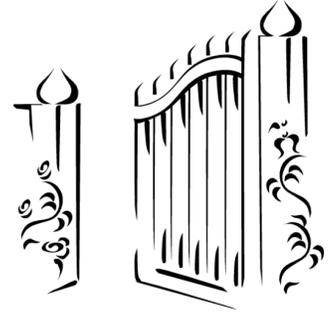




# TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

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Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 12, 2006, 7pm  
Gilmanton Academy  
503 Province Road

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

**Hilliard:** C. Moorehead has been working to clean out. Downed tree is gone. Cleaned to walls. Found some stones which Marion will check names on. Has replaced one stone with new stone donated by Perry Monument. Has also repaired some in-place.

**Sanborn:** JR cleaned out Saturday. There are 7 stones. He'll get names/info for Marion. He'll right stones, placing as best he can. He also cut out path to site. Needs sign. Add to maintenance list in 2007. There is one Vet there – is on our current Vet list. Some stones were repaired in years past with the metal frames.

**Hatie Smith:** Landscaper tentatively scheduled for 6/15. JR will check w/Swenson's on granite posts and have landscaper coordinate delivery directly w/Swenson's. Landscaper will set posts. JR will add chain and we'll need a sign. Then add to 2007 maintenance list.

**Cemetery Rules:** Reviewed 5/7/06 draft. Will notice and tentatively hold public hearing on 5/31/06 at 7pm. Discussion included:

- Even though there are many lots available, when considered for future years, the total is limited – it's important to provide alternatives to using lots (Memorial Garden), to price lots such that a Care Fund is established to maintain the cemetery, and to maintain the lots for residents;
- Will use Right to Inter – can we record to get it into the real property record?
- Reviewed the law on possession of gravestones – will require that any stone that has been replaced with a new stone, will be placed face down, at ground level on the grave and not otherwise disposed of;
- Buzzell burial rights will be \$400 per lot (\$100 sale/\$300 general care);
- Rules apply to all cemeteries owned by town and those abandoned cemeteries accepted by town – burial rights sale apply to Buzzell only.

**Ouellette/Buzzell:** Mrs. Ouellette has contacted the Trustees regarding purchasing lots in Buzzell. Candace sent her a map to choose sites and told her that the Trustees are reviewing draft Regulations. Mrs. Ouellette stated once the Regulations were adopted, she'd be ready to purchase.

**Tosca Paluzzi/Gilman:** Ms. Paluzzi has contacted the Trustees for information on Gilman ancestors/burials. Marion will provide information.

## **Buzzell:**

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**Memorial/Cremation Gardens:** The Trustees discussed establishing a Memorial Garden for cremations in the NE corner already designated for cremations. Suggestions included:

- setting off the area with shrubs or a low wall;
- having one large stone where all names would be engraved;
- Vet names on the stone would be designated with the usual Veteran insignia;
- Town would pay for stone and part of sale of cremation right would reimburse cost;
- Could choose 1 or more space for bench and allow them to be purchased as memorials;
- The general layout would be circular flowerbed around which cremations are made, one after another, in biodegradable containers – when the circle is completed, the next cremation is made in the location of the first (the first having biodegraded by that time) – so there is no permanent burial location – ashes could also simply be scattered.

**Ham Cemetery:** Ms. Thayer came to Gilmanton and revisited the Parker Albee lot. Now She believes she was mistaken and this is not the location of a cemetery she remembers as a child.

**NH DRA Seminar:** Candace will try to attend for the Trustees and bring back handout.

**Budget:** The Trustees went over the 2006 budget. An additional \$300 was raised for maintenance. Town created new expendable trust fund. Any monies left in the annual budget will be placed in fund to be used for all cemeteries. The Beautification budget will basically be used up on the Hattie Smith posts/setting/chain/sign. Carl will need to stay within the total maintenance budget available. Discussed asking Town to establish second expendable trust fund for Buzzell only and to deposit into it revenues from the sale of burial rights. Since this is the only Town cemetery available for burials it would provide some revenue for projects that cannot be paid for by the general care income. Projects may include items such as the single stone for the Memorial Garden.

**Vault:** The Town Clerk provided room in the Town's vault for cemetery records. Every original document including pictures as well as a copy of every other records including plans has been stored in acid free folders/boxes and has been placed in the vault. The records will be updated each year.

**Stone Repairs:** JR discussed stone repairs with a stone mason who does a lot of work in cemeteries. He will send JR info on a clear epoxy for repairing stones.

**Signs:** JR will see about providing wooden routed signs.

**Osgood:** JR believes Mr. Nagle will be successful in finding an eagle scout that will take on the Osgood reclamation.

**Edgerly (1):** JR will work on cleaning out next. Will also cut out new ROW where laid out on

subdivision plan. Once cleaned out it will only need chain and a sign as the uprights are still in place.

**Clough:** Mr. Dawson may have cleaned out. JR will check.

**Veterans:** List was sent to Bud Young for placement of flags.

**John M. Sargent Fund:** Candace found the Trustees of Trust Funds had placed this perpetual care fund under the Page cemetery, but it belonged under the Copp Cemetery. She provided info to the Trustees and they have made the required adjustment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm

Respectfully submitted,



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Candace L. Daigle