

# TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

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Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 3, 2011, 7pm  
Gilmanon Academy  
503 Province Road

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

The Trustees discussed both the existing 2011 and the proposed 2012 budget. It appears that expenses for the mowing and general care of the cemeteries will be within the current year's budget. However, the Trustees are concerned about the increases in maintenance costs for the future.

The balance of the Repairs and Maintenance line item will be carried forward for the completion of the rear wall at Beech Grove. Once completed, the Trustees will evaluate the need for gates on sites within the community.

The Trustees also discussed taking an inventory of the conditions of trees within the cemeteries. Trustee Stockwell will undertake that project and report to the Trustees to establish a schedule of priority sites for upcoming tree work where necessary.

The Trustees authorized a contract with ArborTech for the trimming of dead, diseased or overgrown limbs within the Beech Grove driveway area, not to exceed \$800. The Trustees also approved a contract with Laconia Monument to etch the stone at the newly renovated Weed cemetery to monument the single known burial within the site. This will complete that site restoration.

The Trustees agreed to request small increases of \$200 each in the Groundskeeping and Repairs line items.

The Trustees have been given a broken headstone engraved with the names of a son and daughter of Andrew and Maria Mack, both of whom are assumed to be buried in the Beech Grove Cemetery. The stone was located in the basement of what was then the Mack homestead. The Trustees agreed from the evidence available that the children are most likely buried in Beech Grove, that the stone was probably broken and removed for repair, and that the stone should be repaired and returned to Beech Grove. A full record of this will be included in the records of that lot. Trustees McIntyre and Daigle will attend the fall NH Cemetery Association meeting and will try to obtain information from other member communities of their handling of duplicate/found gravestones.

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Trustee Stockwell will attempt to contact the property owner and view the foundation on Meadow Pond Road where the names of three children may be etched from deaths that occurred during one of the historic epidemics in the area.

Trustee Daigle reported that the transfer of the Besse Cemetery to the Town has been completed and the site has been added to the maintenance schedule.

The Trustees discussed trees in Wilson Hill, gates for several sites, wall renovations and a gate for the French Road Cemetery.

Trustee Daigle will send a request for information on the Janet Iola stone through the NH Cemetery Association newsletter as the stone appears to have no ties to Gilmanton.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Candace L. Daigle, Trustee