

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

2000

The Trustees of Cemeteries are appointed by the Town to oversee the establishment and management of all municipal cemeteries placed within their responsibility. Although the four most active cemeteries, Pine Grove, Smith Meeting House, Buzzell and Beech Grove, are under the care of their own individual organizations, the Trustees have been charged with the care of the remaining 31 burial and historic sites within the community. Many of these have been reclaimed and require only seasonal maintenance. Some are in the process of being reclaimed with the repair and construction of walls, fences and gates, the trimming of trees to eliminate falling branches that can shatter antique head stones, the installation of steps and the repair and resetting of damaged stones. A few sites remain where reclamation has not yet started.

Besides regular seasonal maintenance, the 2000 reclamation work included both the French burial ground off French Road for the second season and beginning work at the Osgood site off Loon Pond Road.

Our schedule has been to include a more substantial project every other year. In 1999, we began the reconstruction of stonewalls at the Tibbetts Cemetery on Route 140 in the Iron Works. In 2001, additional stonework will be done at this or the Stage Road Cemetery site. This allows regular progress to be made on the larger projects without attempting to fund all in one year.

Carl Moorehead continues to provide site maintenance and repair work for the sites under the care of the Trustees. In some instances, citizens have adopted the care of a cemetery in their own neighborhood. This assists by lowering the cost to the community and provides a great opportunity for neighbors, young and old, to work together on a project that can result in a great deal of personal satisfaction.

The Trustees would like to thank the voters and members of the community for their support and assistance to preserve and maintain this important link to Gilmanton's heritage.

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