

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

2001

The Trustees of Cemeteries are appointed by the Town to oversee the establishment and management of all municipal cemeteries placed under their jurisdiction. The Trustees currently oversee the maintenance, restoration and preservation of 31 burial and historic sites within the community.

In addition to regular seasonal maintenance, the Trustees pursue a program to restore abandoned cemeteries under their jurisdiction. Depending upon the particular site, restoration work can include;

- clearing and trimming of brush and trees;
- repair or erection of walls, fences and gates;
- repair and resetting of grave stones and markers;
- repair and sealing of vaults;
- restoration of grounds to the point where they can be easily maintained.

Specific projects in 2001 included:

- Major reconstruction of the Stage Road Cemetery stone wall;
- Repair of stone walls at Crystal Lake, Parsons and Copp Cemeteries;
- Repair of minor damage in the Hillside Cemetery caused by vandals;
- Ground work at the Kelley and Guinea Ridge Cemeteries;

Future anticipated projects include tree trimming/removal at Guinea Ridge and Stage Road cemeteries, gates at Stage Road and Parsons cemeteries, completion of wall reconstruction at Tibbetts cemetery, and a complete inventory including an easily accessible database of existing known burial sites.

Carl Moorehead has continued to provide excellent site maintenance and repair work for the cemeteries under the care of the Trustees. In some instances, residents or local groups 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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