

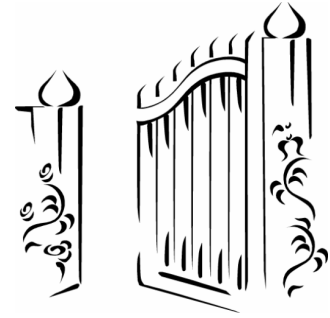


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Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT



2006



Though rainy and wet, work progressed during 2006 on the following projects:

-  The Hattie Smith Road project was completed with countless hours of labor by Trustee Stockwell clearing this burial ground. Records indicate the site was originally laid out as “four rods one way and four rods the other way”. Several groups of fieldstones marking graves have been found and the entire site has been ringed with granite posts and chain to permanently preserve it. Mrs. Potter first provided info on this site to the Trustees several years ago and to date the title has been traced back to Gilford B and Sarah E. Brickett in 1886. Anyone having information on the origins of the site or those buried within is encouraged to contact the Trustees.
-  Regulations were adopted for the operation of all Town cemeteries and for the sale of lots in the Buzzell Cemetery. The Trustees appreciate assistance in the drafting of these regulations from NH Local Government Center, NH Attorney General’s Office, Wilkinson-Beane Funeral Home, Belknap County Registrar of Deeds, Town Counsel, NH Cemetery and other Cemetery Associations. The Regulations provide for the protection of Cemetery and Burial Sites and establish standards for future interments.
-  Trustees reviewed and commented on applications submitted to the Planning Board and ZBA for properties abutting cemeteries. Testimony was provided to the ZBA on property abutting the Parson’s burial site, the oldest in the community. The Trustees thank the Planning Board for facilitating a 10’ pedestrian easement to an existing cemetery during their approval of a proposed Subdivision.
-  Trustees attended two NH Cemetery Association seminars with presentations on NH State cemetery law, cemetery trees, and cremations.
-  Two open sides of the Levi Hutchinson burial site were enclosed with chain.
-  Brush within the Sanborn Cemetery and its access way has been removed.
-  Stones have been repaired at several sites.
-  Hilliard Cemetery brush and downed trees were removed.
-  The Trustees thank Town Clerk Debra Cornett and staff for providing access to the Town’s website, www.gilmantonh.org. The Trustees page provides access to a Town Cemetery map and key, Regulations and contact information for the Trustees and other Gilmanton cemetery organizations.

Projects for 2007 include:

-  Continue to work with the local chapter of the DAR to replace fence around the Mary Butler Homesite, and with an abutting property owner offering a protective easement.
-  Sawyer Lake and French Road burial grounds are in need of wall and gate work.

The Trustees offer their sincere thank you to Carl Moorehead, Richard Foss, Cub Scout Pack 242 and Sawyer Lake neighbors who provided assistance during 2006 and to residents throughout the community who assist by watching out for and letting the Trustees know when issues arise regarding these important community sites.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cemetery/Burial/Historic Site List:

Beech Grove ^{PA} Province Road	Guinea Ridge ^{NS} Guinea Ridge Road	Page ^{NS} Middle Route
Besse ^{PA} Hall's Hill Road	Hatch Road ^{NS} Hatch Road	Parsons ^{NS} Province Road
Buzzell ^S Shellcamp Road	Hatie Smith Road ^{NS} Hatie Smith Road	Pine Grove ^{PA} Stage Road Contact Directly
Carr ^{NS} Upper City Road	Hilliard ^{NS} Thistle Road	Plummer ^{NS} Sawyer Lake Road
Clough ^{NS} Old Stage Road	Hillside ^{NS} Edgerly Road	Sanborn ^{NS} Middle Route
Copp ^{NS} Province Road	Leavitt Road ^{NS} Leavitt Road	Sawyer Lake ^{NS} Sawyer Lake Road
Edgerly (1) ^{NS} Old Stage Road	Levi Hutchinson ^{NS} Rogers Road	Sleeper ^{NS} Old Stage Road
Edgerly (2) ^{NS} Hatch Road	Lougee ^{NS} Crystal Lake Road	Smith Meetinghouse ^{PA} Meeting House Road Contact Directly
Emerson ^{NS} Geddes Road	Mary Butler Homesite ^{HS} Mary Butler Lane	Tibbetts ^{NS} Route 140
Foss ^{NS} Pine Hill Road	Merrill ^{NS} Pancake Hill Road	Town Pound ^{HS} Province Road
Foster ^{NS} Allens Mill Road	Mudgett ^{NS} Loon Pond Road	Weed ^{PID} Allens Mill Road
French ^{NS} French Road	Mudgett Homesite ^{HS} Pancake Hill Road	Wicka ^{NS} Meadow Pond Road
Friends ^{NS} State Route 140	Osgood ^{NS} Loon Pond Road	Wilson Hill ^{NS} Upper City Road

^S-Lots for Sale ^{PA}-Private Association ^{HS}-Historic Site ^{NS}-No Lots for Sale ^{PID}-Pending ID