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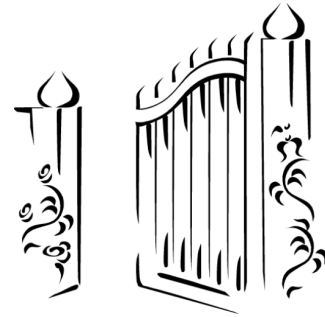
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The new fence and gate at the Mary Butler Home site have been constructed. Many thanks to the Gilmanton Historical Society for providing the materials and J.R. Stockwell for constructing the fence. The fence will be painted in the spring completing repairs of this site.

The Beech Grove Cemetery Association has voted to disband and petition the Town to accept the privately owned Cemetery property and assets as they are no longer able to fill officer positions. The Beech Grove Cemetery consists of a 5.7ac site off Province Road in the Corners. The Association was formed in 1872. There have been many burials over the years, although there are still lots available. There has always been a close relationship between the Association and the Town. The site operates under the same Regulations as the Town Cemeteries and many years ago all trust fund monies related to the Beech Grove lots were turned over to the Town and are already invested and administered by the Gilmanton Trustees of Trust Funds. Additionally, Beech Grove has a small bank account which would be deposited into the Beech Grove general care fund towards the future continued care of the site. The income from the existing care funds currently covers the annual cost of maintenance; and there are no known repairs, upgrades or bills outstanding. The Cemetery Trustees discussed the proposal and are recommending that it would be advisable to accept the Cemetery and all assets at this time rather than chance the cemetery falling into disrepair or abandonment. With the agreement of the Selectmen an article will be placed on the Town Meeting warrant to request that the voters accept the Beech Grove Cemetery as a Town Cemetery. In 2005 Town Meeting considered a similar offer of the Buzzell Cemetery and voted to accept that site which is currently the single active cemetery under the Town's management.

During 2008 the Trustees updated the Cemetery webpage on the Town's website. Please take a moment to visit the page at www.gilmantonnh.org located under *Boards and Elected Officials* link. We've provided useful links, information on current projects, and Frequently Asked Questions. Provide your comments or questions to the Trustees at P.O. Box 56, Gilmanton, NH 03237 or by e-mail to cemeteries@metrocast.net.

Other 2008 Cemetery projects included:



Reflag lot markers at Buzzell Cemetery



Purchase signs to be erected at each cemetery encouraging the safe and respectful use of these sites



Clear out the Edgerly (1) Cemetery

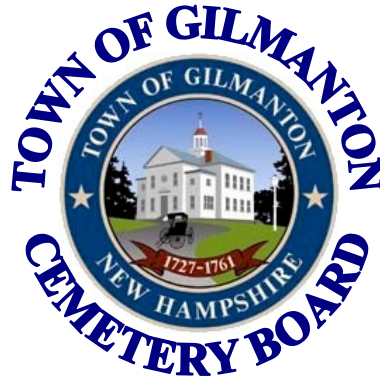
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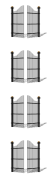


Amend the Regulations to accommodate additional standard monument base widths
Designed metal easement and cemetery access markers to clearly identify the location of deeded easement such as the one donated around the Mary Butler homesite and also deeded access to cemeteries that lay off the main roads



Discussions with a small family burial site owner regarding transfer of site to Town
Assist lot owners to convert old lot deeds to Right to Inter documents to record at Registry
Updated Cemetery records in Town vault
Attend spring and fall NH Cemetery Assoc Meetings and NH Attorney General's Workshop
Reconstruct stone wall access to the Buzzell Cemetery to control vehicle access into the site

Cemetery Projects for 2009 include:



Post information/regulation signs at cemetery sites and erect easement and access markers
Purchase and install gates for side access into the Buzzell Cemetery
Complete the rock wall surrounding the Foster Cemetery
Draft a Trustees Handbook

The Trustees offer their sincere thanks to Carl Moorehead, Richard Foss, our Sawyer Lake neighbors and so many others in the community who help to maintain these sites, remove brush and limbs, allow access over their property to the cemeteries and keep a watchful eye on these important community sites. Please contact us with your information, questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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