

Town of Jaffrey Cemetery Committee

Next meeting: Thursday, July 17th, 2025, 4pm at Village and Small Pox

AGENDA:

Reports on cemetery conditions. Contractor issues. Projects & Issues for the 2025 season. Work Session progress. Future meeting times. Other issues & concerns.

Notes on the June 19th, 2025 meeting at the Old Burying Ground Cemetery.

The following people met at the Old Burying Ground: Charles Turcotte, RobStephenson, Bruce Hill, Peter Lambert, Cathy Proulx, Todd Croteau, Eric Hansen, Jeannelle Moore and Eric Healey.

Note: This was the 3rd meeting of the committee for 2025. All town owned cemeteries were visited by the committee in 2024.

The meeting opened with a review of last meeting's accomplishments and recommendations.

Bruce Hill reported on the progress of the Eagle Scout project for Cutter Cemetery. He has met with Jacob Levesque, the Eagle Scout, and is waiting on a mock up of the kiosk stand for final approval. The location has been determined, the color has not.

.Bruce also reported that the entry fence is in need of paint and the culvert at the entrance also needs work.

Rob Stephenson reported on his research on another type of informational QR placard that he has gotten pricing for. He has pursued making a example of possible information on the placard, (once you access the QR code). His suggestion was to use the self guided cemetery tour programs that was a project of the Jaffrey Historical Society as a base to use for information. He will get a price for the twelve additional he is proposing, for our next meeting.

The walkway to the flag pole at Conant was reviewed. This area of Conant has been an area not covered by the grounds maintainance contractor and has become very over grown and weed infested. The stone dust walkway is unrecognizable due to weeds. Cathy Proulx, the overseer of Conant, suggested that a permanent paved walkway be installed and an area of weeds and crab grass be removed and replaced with grass that would then become part of the mowing operation .She has gotten one quote and Todd will get two more to satisfy the minimum three bid requirement. Funding for the project will come from the perpetual care trust funds.

Charlie reported that Perterborough Marble and Granite has been notified to repair the three markers at Conant.

Todd reported that many of the cemeteries red pines are deaseased and are dying. Our concern is that due to the number of trees the cost to remove them will very mush impact available funds.

The committee inspected the OBG and was asked by Todd to evaluate a request for inhanced perpetual care from a family plot. The committee reviewed the request and determined that the request went far beyond what was reasonable and appropriate. Some immediate pruning was agreed to and Todd will have that done.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

THANK YOU ALL, FOR YOUR HARD WORK!

FUTURE MEETINGS IN 2025: April 17(Cutter), May 15 (Conant), June 19 (Old Burying Ground, July 17 (Village and Small Pox), August 21 (OBG work session), September 18 (Phillips-Hiel), October 16 (Annual Meeting at Town Office)
The Cemetery Committee will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month, while in session, rain day the following Friday.

Mark Cournoyer	Cournoyer Funeral
Charlie Turcotte	Selectmen Representative
Todd Croteau	Director of Public Works
Robert Stephenson	Historical Society Representative/ Village Cemetery Overseer
Charles Turcotte	V.F.W. Representative/ Old Burying Ground Overseer (Chair)
Eric Hansen	American Legion Representitive
Cathy Proulx	Member at Large/Conant Overser
Peter Lambert	Member at Large/Phillips-Heil Overseer
Bruce Hill	Member at Large/Cutter Overseer
Janice Weekes	Member at Large
Sam Greene	Member at Large
Jeannelle Moore	Volunteer
Eric Healy	Volunteer