

**10/16/2025**

**ANNUAL CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**REPORT TO THE TOWN MANAGER**

1. As required- all cemeteries were visited and inspected by the committee
2. The committee met April thru September
3. The committee held one work session at the Old Burying ground to remove over growth and invasive plants, like buckthorn, ferns and rag weed growing in and around areas not covered under the ground maintenance contract
4. The committee recommended repairs for markers at Conant Cemetery, three repairs were made by Peterborough Marble and Granite
5. The committee met with an Eagle Scout named Jacob Levesque who introduced to the committee a project for a kiosk at Cutter Cemetery, which, via a QR code, would allow visitors to access information about some of the interred notables within the cemetery
6. The committee recommended a new walkway be installed at Conant Cemetery from the paved area to the flag pole and some over grown plants be removed, the new walkway made of masonry pavers has been installed
7. The committee recommended that the wooden gates to the OBG and Village Cemetery be replaced due to extensive rotting. We thank Todd Croteau for making that happen
8. The committee recommended that the approach to the Small Pox Cemetery be cleared of unwanted trees and shrubs that obscured the pathway, again we thank Todd for making that happen
9. The committee recognized that at Village cemetery there are several badly leaning markers that they hope to address in the spring of 2026 with a work session
10. Warrant Article recommendations - Gravestone Restoration Fund be kept at \$2,000.00
11. Warrant Article Recommendation - Cemetery Tree Fund to be kept at \$5,000, an increased source of revenue may have to be pursued due to the number of dead trees estimated to be in the tens of thousands
12. Election of 2026 committee chair, by majority approval was Charlie Turcotte