

# Town of Gilford, New Hampshire

## Budget Committee

### 2016 Report of the Cemeteries Subcommittee

The subcommittee of the Gilford Budget Committee assigned to review and make recommendations regarding the Cemeteries met on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, commencing at 4 PM in the Town Hall Conference Room A.

Subcommittee members Norman J. Silber, S. Peter Karagianis, & Tim Sullivan were in attendance. Attending to represent the Trustees of the Cemeteries were Chairperson Doris "Dee" Chitty and Trustee Susan Leach.

Each line item in the proposed budgets as recommended by the Board of Selectmen was carefully reviewed and discussed at length.

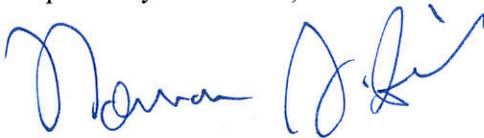
It was noted that the Town has 12 cemeteries for which it is responsible, as well as 9 private cemeteries that are not within the Town's responsibilities. All of the Town's cemeteries are full except for Pine Grove, which is near capacity.

The Town imposes a charge for a burial, depending on whether the burial is to take place on a weekend or a weekday. The weekend charge is higher. The charge imposed for the "sale" of a burial plot is actually a charge for a "right of burial" rather than a true interest in real estate covered by a deed. In a plot that would accommodate a single burial could accommodate burial of 4 cremation remains. Because of diminishing space concerns, the Trustees are considering the possibility of construction at Pine Grove of an above-ground moseleom for cremation remains and we were shown photos or drawings of a very attractive newly constructed facility of that type dine by the Methodist Church on Route 11A.

Each comment and/or adjustment recommended by the BOS as noted by the Town Administrator was reviewed and discussed at length. The only significant increase is in the hours of one of the grounds attendants, which is needed.

The subcommittee by voice vote unanimously adopted motions to **approve** all of the budgets recommended by the BOS in these areas of the Town's operations.

Respectfully submitted,



Norman J. Silber