

**Town of Gilford  
Cemetery Trustee Meeting  
October 21, 2009  
Town Hall  
Conference Room B**

Present: Susan Leach, Chairperson  
Judy Cott, Vice Chairperson  
Dee Chitty, Secretary

Meeting was called to order 9:07 a.m.

Approval of Trustee Minutes: Leach/Chitty

New Business:

A. Judy Cott mentioned the need for identification. She asked what the group thought about badges. All agreed it would be helpful, especially when approaching property owners. Dee said she would find out from Sheldon or Sandy Bailey if it was possible to have ID's printed.

B. Susan Leach submitted her report regarding the right of way to the James Cemetery. (Copy enclosed) She also suggested leaving the stones flat at this cemetery since they are extremely heavy. All agreed.

C. Susan mentioned East Coast Welding would be a firm to contact if gates need lock work.

D. Susan reported she had spoken with Geoff Ruggles regarding a warrant article should our proposed tree removal money for Weeks be removed. Geoff helped by giving Sue the deadlines and requirements.

E. Susan reported that McCoy Cemetery is no longer open for burial, per Carolyn Scattergood, Sandra McGonagle and Armand Godbout.

F. The group discussed openly, the need to create a map & picture diary of the Weeks Cemetery. We need to place stones to the side to protect them from winter. There are no vital records to Weeks and we would like to place them eventually to as close to their original location. Stakes have not stayed in place. Dee said she would create a map and picture diary.

G. Judy was concerned about the posts used to place the 6 new cemetery signs. She wondered if perhaps they should be painted. After discussion everyone agreed to wait and see how the posts look after winter.

H. Dee mentioned the gate at Ames Cemetery is rotting. Judy suggested the

vocational program at Huot. She also mentioned Shaun Murphy's father, Jerry. She said she would look into possible work being done.

I. Susan mentioned perhaps getting a banner to use for the Library display in February, and then at Town Meeting in March. Judy said she would look into banners.

J. Susan talked about the need to duplicate Armand Godbout's index. Currently there is only one book. Geoff Ruggles is working on that. The need for the second record of burials is important because if anything happens to one copy, there will be no town records.

K. Dee asked Susan if she knew the exact number of burial plots left in Pine Grove. Susan said she would look into that. Dee said she would speak to Sheldon on the possibility of re-opening Weeks for cremation should the need arise. Dee will ask what the requirements would be. Dee was concerned about the water table in that area, but wondered if perhaps this might be an option for town residents.

L. Judy mentioned doing a PowerPoint presentation for the Budget Committee. She will contact Sheldon to see if he can assist.

#### Old Business:

A. Susan wanted to know if anything could be done about cleaning up the Hoyt Cemetery stone wall. There are new trees coming up and they need to be removed before they become sizable. Dee stated that would not be a problem, but we need poison ivy treatment before much work is done.

#### B. Donation Collections:

Susan collected Faye's

Dee and Susan collected funds on Heritage Day                      \$64.23

#### C. Weeks Work Update:

9/19/09 – Dee hauled brush & looked into re-growth of cut trees in back of main cemetery area.

9/26/09 – Dee & Susan participated in Heritage Day.

10/10/09 – Judy hauled brush at Weeks. Dee lifted stone at Ames & took 5 of the 6 new sign pictures.

10/24/09 – Complete rain-out!

The next meeting will be the Budget Committee meeting on November 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Dee Chitty  
Secretary