

Report of the Fremont Cemetery Trustees

2017 was a productive year for the Cemetery Trustees. The Trustees meet nearly every month during the year usually on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 pm at the Town Hall. These meeting dates can be found on the meeting calendar on the Town Website.

2017 was a year when it was decided by the Trustees to hire out the annual spring and fall clean-up of the various Town cemeteries to professional landscape companies. This is due to the great difficulty of finding long-lasting clean-up crews to do this large scale project work at our busiest times as we open and close the cemeteries for the year. This has greatly helped us maintain the orderliness and neatness of our cemeteries.

The ornate Village Cemetery gates were repaired and re-set on their granite posts this year in hopes of many future years of usage. Thank you to Bob Henderson for his hard work in fixing the gates.



The Trustees also authorized the spreading of loam and seeding in Section C of the Leavitt Cemetery thus making the new section of that cemetery ready for future interments.

Trustees have also approved an ongoing program to remove dead trees/ brush and to prune healthy trees at both Village and Leavitt cemeteries. We do not want to see any damage to property or stones when these dead trees come down in wind storms. The preventive

maintenance also helps to keep the remaining trees healthier.



Many thanks to Bruce White for his diligent hardworking efforts to oversee the various details of mowing, handling burials, cleaning, and re-erecting various gravestones in the Village & Leavitt Cemeteries. His diligent and dedicated efforts are genuinely appreciated. We again thank Jackson Rowell for his many years of

conscientious efforts in helping to mow and maintain the cemeteries in town. Thanks also to Jordan Coulombe for his helpful efforts in maintaining the local cemeteries for the first time this year. We wish them both well in their ongoing college endeavors.

At year end Bruce advised that he would not continue in the Cemetery Sexton role, which was a newly created position and line item in our budget for 2017. The maintenance and upkeep of cemetery records, research of burial information and care of this important data has become an increasingly large task. The Town is seeking someone who would be interested in this position. A job description and further information can be obtained by contacting Heidi Carlson in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 x 301 or by email at FremontTA@comcast.net.

Last but not least, the Cemetery Trustees extend our grateful appreciation to Jeanne Nygren of the Selectmen's Office who helps keep us organized and apprised of the many issues that often come up regarding burials and cemetery issues. She has done an exceptional job in handling our meeting minutes, and various other tasks associated with Fremont's cemeteries. Thank you again Jeanne for all you do!

The Cemetery Trustees minutes, meeting schedules, pertinent statutes, Ordinances, and contact information are always available on the town Website on the Cemetery page at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

The Town Cemeteries are closed for burials annually from December 1 to April 1 due to ground freeze.

To purchase a cemetery lot, you should speak with the Selectmen's Office at 603 895 2226 x 303 or x 301 or email Jeanne at FremontTownHall@comcast.net for payment and deed information.

We welcome any questions, comments, or concerns you may have for the Cemetery Trustees so please don't hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

Fremont Cemetery Trustees

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Richard Pinder
Steven Harms, Chairman

"The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people halfway."

~ Henry Boye

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