

Report of the Fremont Cemetery Trustees

2016 was another busy year for the Cemetery Trustees who met nearly every month during the year. The Trustees usually meet the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the basement meeting room of the Town Hall. These meeting dates can be found on the meeting calendar on the Town's website.

The primary focus this year for the Cemetery Trustees was the need to deal with several falling trees in the Village Cemetery and to cut down potentially hazardous trees that might fall in the near future. A couple of trees fell down into the cemetery just barely missing some gravestones. Therefore the Trustees hired tree removers to clean up the fallen trees and to cut down a few others that might fall and cause potential damage to various grave lots.

The Trustees also repaired a portion of the rock wall alongside Route 107 at the Village Cemetery that had been hit by a plow blade and thus dislodged. We also laid out more gravesites in the new section of the Knowles-Chase-Carr-Leavitt Cemetery on Leavitt Road. Three granite posts were also erected this year with the letters A, B, & C carved onto them to define the three roads in the new section of this cemetery.

The Trustees expanded upon the duties of Bruce White to include more of those of a Cemetery Sexton this year. His job among others is to oversee the work being done by cemetery maintenance workers, to oversee burial placements, burial lot sales, and monument installations in conjunction with grave excavators, various funeral home directors, and monument companies. We thank Bruce for his dedicated commitment in overseeing Fremont's cemeteries and working to improve their appearance. He also repaired and re-erected several old gravestones in the Village and Leavitt Cemeteries that had fallen over -- a project he and the Trustees wish to continue in 2017. We also thank Jackson Rowell for assisting with mowing the cemeteries with Bruce.

The Trustees are also in the process of repairing and replacing a couple of the old iron gates at the Village Cemetery that are rusting out.

Some purple lilac bushes were planted in the Village Cemetery in May of 2016 donated by the Fremont 250th Anniversary Committee.

The Cemetery Trustees also wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Jeanne Nygren who diligently keeps our monthly meeting minutes, and keeps us organized and apprised of any issues or problems that might present themselves on a frequent basis relating to burials and cemetery maintenance.

The Cemetery Trustee's 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 between December 15 and April 1 due to ground freeze.

To purchase a cemetery lot, you should speak with the Selectmen's Office (603 895 2226 x 11 or FremontTownHall@comcast.net) or a Cemetery Trustee for payment and deed information.

Any questions or concerns you may have are always welcomed by the Trustees, so please don't hesitate to contact us,

Respectfully submitted,

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In the fog

Knowles ~ Chase ~
Leavitt Cemetery

Circa 1777

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