## **Report of the Cemetery Trustees**

The Cemetery Trustees met every other month in 2013 to undertake the many duties prescribed by the NH Statute in administering to and caring for the Town's Cemeteries.

## VILLAGE CEMETERY

A small number of lots in the back of the Village Cemetery have been leveled off and made ready to sell. There are very few lots left in this cemetery.

We are considering repairing the wall on the Brentwood end of the cemetery. There have been questions relative to having water available at this cemetery and we are looking into the condition of the existing well and well pumps and what needs to be done to get them working.

## LEAVITT CEMETERY

We are pleased to report that the lay out and the road branch of the new section of the Leavitt Cemetery has been surveyed and completed. The survey shows that there are 8 sections with a total of 710 new burial plots. This number may be slightly decreased when the roads are actually built. We are discussing the possibility of constructing the remaining roads next year as well as spreading some loam in the area that is open behind the wall.

The Selectmen and Budget Committee have agreed to recommend the Trustees requested budget of \$9,900 for fiscal 2014. We continue to discuss potential funding for repairs for the many broken monuments in the Town Cemeteries, but because we need to do some more research we have not included it in our budget and did not prepare a warrant article for 2014.

We were greatly saddened by the loss of our long time Cemetery Trustee Richard Rand in November who continued with his duties even through his illness. Dick was an extremely valuable member not only as a Cemetery Trustee, but as a member of our community and he is already immensely missed.

We would like to thank Leon Holmes Jr for his dedicated service to the Cemetery Trustees for the past three years. His term expired in March of 2013, and Steve Harms was elected to the open position.

We want to commend and thank Brian Lanseigne and Jackson Rowell, our two part-time seasonal laborers who keep our cemeteries so well groomed. Keeping up with the cemetery maintenance is no easy task.

Special thanks to Meredith Bolduc who continues to assist us at our meetings, keeps our minutes and does necessary research. The Cemetery Trustee's minutes, meeting schedules, pertinent statutes, ordinances, and contact information are all available on the Town's website on the Cemetery page at <a href="https://www.Fremont.nh.gov">www.Fremont.nh.gov</a>.

The Trustees generally meet on the first Monday of every other month at 4:00 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. These meeting dates can also be found on the meetings calendar on the Town's website.

The Town Cemeteries are closed for burials from December 15 to April 1 due to the ground freeze. The Town's Cemetery Ordinance can be found on the Town's website at <a href="https://www.fremont.nh.gov">www.fremont.nh.gov</a> on the Cemetery Trustees page.

To purchase a cemetery lot, you should first speak with Trustees and then see the Town Clerk for payment and deed information.

Please feel free to contact us if you should have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Fremont Cemetery Trustees Robert Stackpole Steven Harms



Colonial Militiamen lining up in front of Fremont's 1800 Meeting House during NH's observance of **New Hampshire at Yorktown, Virginia Bi-centennial Celebration o**n September 12, 1981 – the Battle of

Yorktown in October 1781 ended the Revolutionary War with an American victory.

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