

## **Report of the Cemetery Trustees**

The Cemetery Trustees met every other month in 2011 to undertake the many duties prescribed by NH Statutes in administering to and caring for the Town's Cemeteries.

We are very excited with the replacement of the gates at the Village Cemetery. Bob Henderson of Henderson Welding did a wonderful job replicating the old iron gates! They were completed and installed just before Memorial Day and look great.

The Trustees have agreed on the following action items and goals for 2012:

### **VILLAGE CEMETERY**

- The lots in the back of the Village Cemetery need to be leveled off and made ready to sell. It is estimated there is room for 20 to 30 additional lots.
- The uprooted trees behind the shed need to be cleared away.
- The wall on the Brentwood end needs to be fixed.
- The well pump needs to be fixed.

### **LEAVITT CEMETERY**

- The area that is open behind the wall still needs some loam spread.
- Screen and spread the loam that is already onsite.
- Repair/reset the double gate at the front of the cemetery.
- Install a hand pump at the well.

The Trustees have discussed the possibility of working on a warrant article for the 2013 vote for funding to repair some broken monuments. The Trustees put together the budget for fiscal 2012, requesting \$11,400. The Selectmen and Budget Committee have recommended a budget of \$10,000; which is a decrease of \$1,134 over the approved budget for 2011.

There are currently two part-time seasonal laborers who help keep up with ongoing maintenance of the Town Cemeteries. They should be commended for keeping our Cemeteries so well groomed. Special thanks to Brian Lanseigne for his hard work this year. He will be joined in the spring by the second new hire (done late in 2011), Jackson Rowell.

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 [www.Fremont.nh.gov](http://www.Fremont.nh.gov).

The Trustees generally meet on the first Monday of every other month at 3:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. These meeting dates can also be found 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 [www.fremont.nh.gov](http://www.fremont.nh.gov) 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  
Leon Holmes Jr  
Richard Rand  
Robert Stackpole

### **The American Flag**

*Joseph Rodman Drake*

When freedom, from her mountain height  
Unfurled her standard to the air,  
She tore the azure robe of night  
And set the stars of glory there.  
She mingled with its gorgeous dyes  
The milky baldrick of the skies,  
Then from his mansion in the sun  
She called her eagle-bearer down  
And gave into his mighty hand  
The symbol of her chosen land.