

Report of the Cemetery Trustees

Once again, the Cemetery Trustees met every other month during 2010, working on the duties prescribed by NH State Statute in administering and caring for the Town's Cemeteries.

After the decision made in the fall of 2009, the Trustees encumbered funding to remove three large dead and dangerous trees at Village Cemetery. The original agreement with the vendor did not materialize, and the work was again put out to bid. In May 2010, the tree removal took place. This was unfortunate, but necessary due to the potential liability and damage that could be caused to stones and monuments when branches come down.

We also undertook removal of a dead tree in the middle of the cemetery. This was done at little cost to the Town. The balance of the stump grinding was also done in the fall, from the tree at the front entrance. This tree had, over time, pushed out the granite wall. It took great time and care to get the stump ground and wall reconstructed.

Lots are available for sale in the Leavitt Cemetery and additional lots will be laid out as time permits. Very few lots remain in the Village Cemetery. In the fall we sought competitive pricing to repair the gates in the Village Cemetery and hope to have this work complete by the spring of 2011. Additionally, repairs to the east wall are needed to preserve the integrity of the wall. We continue to work on this endeavor.

In the summer, we purchased a rain barrel as an environment and cost-friendly solution to the water issues at the Village Cemetery. This is available for use if you bring your own bucket or watering can. It is removed in the winter and will be up as the growing season begins. If this works well, we will consider purchasing additional units.

The Trustees budget for 2011 is relatively unchanged. We feel it is important to continue laying out roads and lot placement within the Leavitt Cemetery as it is the primary location remaining for burial in Fremont. We continue to look at the possibility of monument repair to fix some of the older, damaged stones. If available, we would draw from perpetual care for these expenses.

We thank Fremont Fire Rescue Chief Rich Butler, Deputy Chief Joe Nichols and Firefighter Jared Butler for their assistance in clearing some of the clogged culvert in the Village Cemetery which has been a drainage problem. We appreciate their help!

Town Cemeteries are closed 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 on the Cemetery Trustees page. Minutes of our meetings and other information are also available on the site.

The Trustees generally meet the first Monday of every other month at 3:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall. The meeting dates are posted at the Town Hall and Fremont Post Office, as well as on the website.

Special thank you to Meredith Bolduc who assists us at our meetings and keeps minutes. All minutes, contact information, and other postings are available on the Town's website on the Cemetery page at www.Fremont.nh.gov.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fremont Cemetery Trustees

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I Am Old Glory

*I Am Old Glory: For more than ten score years I have been the banner of
hope and freedom for generation after generation of Americans.*

*Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom,
I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of thirteen colonies
to a united nation of fifty sovereign states.*

*Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American Faith my gently
fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions.*

Men have followed me into battle with unwavering courage.

They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity.

*They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the life, liberty and
pursuit of happiness, which have been granted to every American as the heritage of free men.*

*So long as men love liberty more than life itself;
so long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our forefathers;
so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply rooted in human
hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America.*

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