

## **GUILFORD CEMETERY COMMISSION**

January 15, 2015, 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Shaun Murphy, Alison McRae, Gerry Baker, Verandah Porche, Eric Morse

Note: There will be no meeting in February. The March date will be posted.

**Carpenter Cemetery:** Shaun got a call from Sheila Blair reporting the death of her sister, Fiona Blair. The parents, Bill and Mary Blair were buried in Carpenter Cemetery. Eric will get back to Sheila about whether space is available in their plot. The burial will take place in the spring.

**Note:** Burial plots must now be defined by granite markers to assist in mapping. Markers are available from Dan Tardy at Abbiati Monuments in Brattleboro. Those buying plots are responsible for the purchase.

**Burrows Plain Cemetery:** Shaun and Verandah have both contacted John Caveney from Cersossimo Lumber about the fallen stone marker and the access road. Shaun will call again to secure a date in May for setting up the stone. Commissioners will come and, together, will work on improving the access road to the cemetery.

**Flags:** There are boxes of flags at the Town Office for distribution to veterans' graves. Commissioners noted that the flags were made in China. Gerry pointed out that "the quality is not what I'd like to see. Wind tore the flags right off the staff." Gerry will ask what sources they have at the Legion, for next time. Other towns, sharing our concerns, will be interested this information.

**Maintenance and repair:** The Billings, Blanchard and Groll Cemeteries had stone straightened. Gerry built a new gate for the Groll Cemetery. Saplings and brush were also removed.

Commissioners assessed the condition of the Weatherhead Hollow Cemetery. The vault at Weatherhead Hollow is ajar and will need a new lock. The gate will be fixed this spring.

### **2015 Commission Maintenance and repair schedule**

Note: Shaun will check with Peter Hannan about routine maintenance.

Commission Meetings will be work sessions at the following cemeteries

April: Carpenter Cemetery, date tba

May: distribution of flags, special meeting with Cersossimo,

Weatherhead Hollow Cemetery: May 21

June 18: Lee Cemetery

July: Wilkins Cemetery, date tba

August 20: Elmhurst (contact Mary Jo Gaines)

September 17: Stark

**Restoration Project:**

Connie Silver met with Michele Hood, Science Department Chair at BUHS. Connie will develop a pilot project for spring and summer. Assuming the pilot goes well, it will become an extracurricular study academic option for BUHS. Connie will do the pilot gratis, but will need some funds for equipment and materials.

The Commission is delighted with this development and looks forward to supporting the project.

**New Member:** Alison McRae will officially take Bill Murray's place at Town Meeting in March.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Verandah Porche