

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Commissioners have been active overseeing the maintenance of Prospect Hill and Old Cemetery. Arrangements were made for the excavation and refilling of graves at the time of interment. Thirteen interments were made in 2005. Activities this year also included marking out several graves for the installation of monuments and the placement of corner markers on several lots. Due to the curtailed maintenance by the Highway Department we have spent considerable time raking leaves and trimming brush along the fence in Old Cemetery.

Several lots were sold in Old Cemetery and space is still available there. We intend to open up a new section of Old Cemetery this year to make more lots available subject to completion of a survey of the area. Water tanks have been installed in both Old Cemetery and Prospect Hill Cemetery. The Fire Department has agreed to fill the tanks as needed. Please do not waste the water so it will be there when needed. This water is not drinkable and is only to be used for watering the plants.

We are in the process of reviewing the map of Prospect Hill Cemetery showing the actual location of each lot and the names of those interred in them as shown on the stones. The space usage review mentioned before is part of this process as well as a redrawing of the maps. To keep costs down we are attempting to do as much of this as we can ourselves but this is time consuming and can only be done in good weather.

The Cemetery Preservation Group has done a marvelous job in restoring many of the damaged markers in Old Cemetery and in cleaning accumulated dirt and the lichen which completely covered some of the stones.

Please remember that the maintenance of anything planted in the gravesite is the responsibility of the owner. Plantings that exceed the boundaries of the gravesite should be removed. Please dispose of any trash in the barrels provided at the cemeteries. This is a country cemetery and does not have some of the amenities of more expensive sites. Please do your part to maintain the beauty of these spots.

Quarterly meetings of the Cemetery Commission are held at the Town House the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 PM. Commissioners may be contacted at this time or by calling an individual commissioner at the phone numbers listed below and leaving a message.

Respectfully submitted:

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