

BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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. Twenty-one interments were made in 2006. Activities this year also included marking out several graves for the installation of monuments and the placement of corner markers on several lots.

Several lots were sold in Old Cemetery and a little space is still available there. The new section of Old Cemetery has been surveyed and a tentative layout of the lots and roadways has been made. We are now awaiting the results of a hydrology survey to determine the extent of the drainage system that will be needed to utilize this area. When drainage and the roadways have been installed we will be able to sell lots from this section.

As reported last year, 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.

Those who adopted a plot under the Cemetery Preservation Group have done a marvelous job in restoring many of the damaged markers in Old Cemetery and in cleaning accumulated dirt and lichen which completely covered some of the stones. They are now planning to do some grading and restoration work on the old winter storage building in the cemetery to bring it back to its historical significance.

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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