

Cemetery Committee Minutes

June 2007

7:00 pm - Meeting was opened in the "Big Room" at the Town Hall. Present were Pete Jordan, Jim Carll, Jeannie Grant, Rebecca Higgins, Robert Linscott and Donna Mayo.

On the agenda;

Input from Robert Linscott:

1. Cemeteries to Refurbish:

a. Town Farm w/Rev War Vet James Deshon

Determine lot size to clear - Bob Linscott will take this task on and e-mail the cemetery committee members to look at the site Bob measured and vote on site at next meeting.

Cut encroaching tree growth & kill roots with Garlon 4. (Bob volunteers to accomplish this if site size determined and if asked.)

Erect a fence - Need to purchase poles and chain for this job. Pete will conduct research on obtaining poles and chain and present it at the next meeting.

Install new flag holder - Jim Carll will assist in installing a new flag holder

Add GPS reading to town listing: N 43 38.479 W 070 45.295 - Pete will check on how to update the bearings and will report next meeting.

Obtain Federal Grave Marker (headstone) - Pete will research how to obtain a Veteran's Grave Marker and report next meeting.

Establish a walk able path from Route 5 to gravesite - NJROTC cadets will place this on their list of items to refurbish.

b. Sinclair (off Carpenter road) - Pete will work with Bob Linscott on completing the final clearing of this site

Jr ROTC folks cut brush & saplings 3-4 years ago. It is in need of a more permanent clearing.

It is an isolated site being 700-800 yards off the Carpenter road. The old skidder road is mostly closed in (re-grown).

Suggest a 2-3 year staged project to cut & poison tree growth. Once accomplished only new seedlings will appear and could be easily dealt with to keep site manageable.

2. Supplies/Equipment that need understanding/action.

Town furnished flags. The flags provided before 2005 had staffs that were too small to fit firmly in the flag holders. Over 50% of those flags blew out over a year's duration. In 2005 & 2006 the flag staffs were 3/8" and fit perfectly in the holders. I never found one of this size that blew out. Need to ensure that the proper size staffs are procured. - This item is overcome by events, the town has new flags with the correct staffs.

Garlon 4 Herbicide Application: It is a toxic but biodegradable poison used to

prevent re-growth of trees. Maine law allows use without an applicator's license & is safe if stored & applied safely. In areas where tree roots are killed with Garlon 4, seeds or seedlings can be planted & thrive 2 months later. The best & most cost effective method of application is the "cut-stump method".

Best application method is careful spray from a hand-held small sprayer.

Garlon 4 Herbicide Usage: Edie prepared & distributed a site care sheet for Garlon 4 use that I researched for her. This should be read & understood by all applicators. Edie also arranged the purchase of a supply of Garlon 4. I am storing it in a locked shed and do the mixing. I currently have several gallons mixed and ready for issuance.

(Note: for the above two items Bob Linscott is storing approximately 3 gallons of Garlon 4 with hand sprayers for the town).

- * **Eagle Scout Project** -- Pete Jordan was approached by Kyle Connolly if he could refurbish the Hamilton Cemetery for his Eagle Scout Project. The board unanimously approved Kyle Connolly to have permission to refurbish this cemetery.
- * **NJROTC Refurbishment Schedule** - Massabesic High School NJROTC will be available to refurbish cemeteries the following dates: 26&28 June; 17&19 July and 24&26 July. The NJROTC students will start with the following sites
JOSH HILL - 2 STONES DOWN
PORTER NIGHT - BROKEN HEAD STONE
CYRUS THING - CLEAR CUT
HILL/FISK - CLEAR CUT
HILL/PITTS - CLEAR CUT
- * **Thank You Notes for Volunteers** - Donna Mayo stated she would work up a rough on thank you notes for the volunteers that have adopted cemeteries. Once approved at the next meeting, Pete Jordan will mail out the notes to all existing adopters with a reply envelope to see if they are willing to work their cemetery another year.
- * **Next Meeting** - Next meeting will be held July 2nd, in the Big Room at Town Hall.
- * Meeting ended at 8:30 pm