

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

As was the case last year, 2009 was also a very busy year for the Cemetery Trustees.

The cemetery rules and regulations were revised to limit the sale of lots to only current or former residents of Newton. Also, a rule was included allowing only signs pertaining to the operation of the cemeteries to be posted on cemetery property.

A new sign identifying the Old Town Cemetery, located behind the town hall, was put in place. In addition, sign posts identifying the Avenues in the front section of Highland Cemetery were installed. We incurred only the cost of materials in these projects.

Eight broken or fallen monuments in the Highland Cemetery were repaired. Veteran flags were replaced at the Highland, Willow Grove, Town Hall and Union Cemeteries. New flags were installed on the poles at the Highland and Willow Grove cemeteries.

The largest and most important project completed this year was the resurfacing of three hundred (300) linear feet of roadway in the Highland Cemetery. For many years this section of roadway would become a "mud hole" after any rain or snow forcing closure of that section of the road. That problem was completely eliminated. The trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank Newton Road Agent Mike Pivero and his crew for the outstanding job they did on this resurface project.

Highland and Willow Grove Cemeteries sustained a great deal of damage during the Dec. 2008 ice storm. Through the volunteer efforts of the trustees, a grant from FEMA and again the efforts of Road Agent Pivero and his crew, all damage was repaired and debris removed at no cost to the taxpayers.

The appearance of the cemeteries continues to improve due to the use of a local landscaping company to perform the mowing, trimming and clean up of the cemeteries. Although budget constraints continue to be a problem and prevent us from performing the optimal amount of maintenance, we were again able to keep the cemeteries looking respectable.

The Trustees again assisted several families doing genealogical researches of their ancestors.

2009 GRAVESITE SALES:

Highland Cemetery - Five (5)

2009 INTERMENTS:

Highland Cemetery - Seven (7) - - Willow Grove Cemetery - Two (2)

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