

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The trustees began a project to create a computer database of ownership and burial information for all town cemeteries. This is a major undertaking and will hopefully be completed in 2011.

Two families that were affected by the redesign of the back section of Highland Cemetery were contacted and were assigned new grave sites to compensate them for the graves displaced by the redesign.

Thirteen sections in Highland Cemetery were re-measured and plotted to ensure the accuracy of the cemetery map. Many errors were uncovered. These maps, used to locate grave sites being sold and graves for interments, were updated by a local engineering company. It had been several years since this was done and the maps were in deplorable condition. The maps will be professionally updated annually.

One of the two lost/abandoned cemeteries in town was located. The Hoyt family cemetery, with assistance from Hoyt descendant William Hoyt, was located off of Pond St.

The trustees assumed responsibility for the restoration and care of the World War II Memorial originally located at the Newton Learning Center on Rte. 108. The restored memorial was relocated to the Willow Grove Cemetery on Whittier Street.

In addition to annual cemetery operations training, the Trustees received National Incident Management training. This allows the Trustees to assist the Town Emergency Management Department in the event of a town emergency.

Six broken or fallen monuments in the Highland Cemetery were repaired. Veteran and pole flags were replaced at the Highland, Willow Grove & Town Hall Cemeteries.

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.

In keeping with changes made to the Town Purchasing Policy, the Trustees put the maintenance of the cemeteries for 2011 and 2012 out for bid. T & M Properties, the current landscaper, was the successful bidder for the two year contract.

2010 GRAVE SITE SALES:

Highland Cemetery – 12

2010 INTERMENTS:

Willow Grove - 8 Highland - 5

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