

## Cemetery Committee Meeting

March 7, 2018 6:30 pm

Attendees: Charlene Donahue (Selectwoman), Libby Harmon, Jane McMorrow, Barry Tibbetts

The following topics were discussed;

Libby Harmon has spent extensive time researching **perpetual care** information. She went through town reports looking for when the town accepted funds, checked death certificates and linked people back to their families and possible plot locations. Then she made copies of any information and made up folders for each cemetery containing perpetual care graves. Libby also found that the Town voted to allow Whitefield residents only to be buried in Coopers Mills cemetery and that is the official name. Wow!!!

Some of the perpetual care graves are in the Whitefield Cemetery and when the research is completed funds should be transferred to that entity to cover the care of those graves.

### Action items:

- Jane McMorrow will work with Libby to learn how to continue hunting for more information in the Town clerk files.
- Charlene Donahue will begin setting up electronic files for the information collected.

Charlene researched **Town Responsibilities** and found that the Town is responsible for all Ancient Burial Grounds defined as having been established before 1880 and not the responsibility of any other entity. That means all cemeteries in Town with the exception of the Whitefield Cemetery and the St. Dennis cemeteries.

Attached is the list taken from the hist.jpg map

(<http://www.mainething.com/maps/hi%20hoffman/gmslmhi.jpg>) on the Town website – data from OGIS.

### Action item:

- Charlene will contact OGIS to get coordinates for cemeteries to aid in locating them.

**Coopers Mills Cemetery signs** were discussed.

### Action item:

- Charlene will talk to Robin Huntley about sign designs.

### Action item:

- Charlene will inform the Select Board (also Sextants) of the restriction on burials and Town responsibilities.

Next meeting will be April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Fire Station.

Agenda items:

- Cemetery funds
- Times/people to visit and assess cemetery needs
- Updates on perpetual care accounts
- Coopers Mills signs