

Cemetery Committee Inaugural Meeting

January 18, 2018 6:30 pm

Attendees: Charlene Donahue (Selectwoman), Libby Harmon, Robin Huntley, Dan Joslyn, Jane McMorrow, Barry Tibbetts

The following topics were discussed;

The scope of charge to the committee.

What was known about the trust funds for care of cemeteries and/or gravesite.

Currently Karen McCormick has the Whitefield Honor Society students place flags on the veterans graves at the Whitefield Cemetery in May and they remove them in the fall. Barry Tibbetts has placed flags on graves in the public cemeteries.

The committee should also work on collecting the information on the cemeteries so it does not get lost and forgotten.

Libby, Dan and Barry provided background and information on where burial details resides:

- The Whitefield Historical Society has a book The History of Whitefield that lists who is buried in various cemeteries.
- The Whitefield Cemetery Association has 4 copies of the cemetery registry that are kept up to date.
- Libby has a map of the Whitefield Cemetery with veterans graves from the Revolutionary War to WWI created by the WPA in the 1930's.
- Libby has the list of known veterans graves in the cemeteries that the Town maintains.
- The Find A Grave website has most of the graves in Whitefield that have markers on the site with photos.

https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/search?name=&locationId=state_23

Robin is interested in designing a sign for the Howe/Coopers Mills Cemetery and an informational panel for the site. Matching the informational panel to the style of the Coopers Mills Dam signs was discussed.

Dan said he could bring in a copy of the cemetery registry so people could see what it looked like. Phil Russell should be invited to a meeting to share his extensive knowledge with the committee.

Action Items:

Locate what cemetery perpetual care grave sites are in - all members.

Research Town responsibilities - Charlene

Print maps with cemetery locations - Charlene

Next meeting will be March 7, 2018