

***Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes***  
***August 16, 2017***

**Present:** Grace Keene, Marianne Perry, Brenda Lake, Andy Tolman, Deb Doten, John Moran, Karen Peterson

**Absent:** Sandra Rourke, Pam Osborne

**Staff Present:** Anna Carll

The Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2017 and June 28, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

*Officers*

The Cemetery Committee approved the following officers for 1 year terms:

- Andy Tolman, Chairperson
- Grace Keene, Vice Chairperson
- Deb Doten, Secretary

Gratitude was extended to Grace Keene who has served as Chairperson since 2001. With her oversight, the Cemetery Committee has developed and implemented an active role in beautification and efficient maintenance of the cemeteries. Her knowledge of the history and budget planning for the Readfield cemeteries has been invaluable to all. Well Done, Grace!

*Sexton's Report*

- Memorial Garden (Readfield Corner Cemetery): Town staff completed the stone work for the garden and spread black mulch. The cost for the stones was \$384. The Memorial Garden Sub-Committee has purchased and planted perennials. Volunteers will be needed for weeding and watering the garden until the plantings are established. Many thanks to Town Staff (Will William and Anna Carll) and the Memorial Garden Sub-Committee (Marianne Perry, John Moran and Brenda Lake) for their talent and hard work on this project.
- The Sexton has been collaborating with the Methodist Church Council to have stone repair and tree trimming completed. Thirty four stones have been repaired by Collette Monuments. There are stones that require more extensive work than expected for which Collette Monuments are preparing estimates. Tree work has been completed by a local licensed arborist. This has been a project which was made possible through the generosity of the Methodist Church through the Fifield Hunt Trust.
- Huntoon Cemetery: Many years ago, a stone was broken in half by a bullet. The Sexton has successfully repaired that stone.
- The Sexton is in the process of repairing five stones at Kents Hill Cemetery.
- A Stone Leaning and Cleaning Workshop was held during Heritage Days at which 20 or more people participated in cleaning stones. These workshops continue to draw interest from Readfield residents as well as from away.

There was discussion about the placement of a plaque at the Memorial Garden. Proposals will be brought to the next meeting.

There was discussion brought forth about recreational dog walking in the cemeteries. The policy of no recreational dog walking allowed will remain in effect. The signs posted in the cemeteries will as remain. As always, pets will be allowed to visit loved ones' grave site and for funerals with permission from the Sexton.

The Cemetery Committee would like to invite the Select Board to tour the cemeteries this fall. Grace will try to extend the invitation at the Select Board Retreat.

The proposed Cemetery Ordinance was reviewed and approved to forward to the Select Board. This proposed ordinance was drafted by Andy Tolman with invaluable input from the Town Manager.

Next Meeting:

October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Giles Hall