

OWL'S HEAD CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Cemetery Committee has been tasked with writing new ordinances that would apply to all of the Town's cemeteries, not just the Owl's Head Cemetery located at the corner of Ash Point Drive and Dublin Road. Almost completed, the ordinances are awaiting information for lot sale procedures before going on to the next step of Selectmen review. The ordinances will also indicate the access points for each cemetery. The new owners of the property surrounding the Ginn's Point Cemetery will be working with the Town to change the access in the near future since the old access is no longer viable. In addition, their intent is to post a sign identifying the new road as the way to the cemetery.

Dan Clough, who recently moved back to Owl's Head, expressed an interest in volunteering on the Cemetery Committee and was accepted as a member. He also wants to "adopt" Evergreen Cemetery. As Sue Choate has done for Ingraham (aka Don Wiley) Cemetery, Dan would like to help clean debris, prune trees, etc.—those things that go over and beyond the Town's routine cemetery maintenance—all of which will help make it a better place to honor our loved ones.

Speaking of making our cemeteries a lovelier place, for anyone interested in cleaning their family headstones, a brochure from the Maine Old Cemetery Association about cleaning is available at the Town office. Again, a note of caution: bleach, especially on marble, is damaging. It will cause yellowing and eat away at the stone creating a condition called "sugaring". So, when in doubt, just use water! It is amazing what a soft brush and plenty of clean water can do.

The Town has established an account for the Cemetery Committee so that tax-deductible donations for gravestone repair and restoration can be funded. To donate, please make out a check to "Town of Owl's Head" with a memo or reference to "cemetery restoration".

Just a reminder that all flowers and their containers must be removed from the cemeteries by September 30th.

Last, but not least, we are very thankful for the great job Terry Morang continues to do keeping the Town cemeteries cleaned, mowed, and trimmed. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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