

OWL'S HEAD CEMETERY COMMITTEE

It was a busy year for the Cemetery Committee! Andrew Carpenter, who you probably know from the Owl's Head Post Office, is the Committee's newest member. He has headed the project to put an informational sign in Ingraham Cemetery, and, with Bill Gay, confirmed the locations of Philbrook Cemetery and of an old cemetery on Birchmont Street (the Committee would love to hear from anyone with information regarding this burial place). His latest project was to locate Galley Cemetery, which was rumored to be in the Crockett's Beach area, but the evidence didn't bear that out.

Dan Clough organized a cleanup of Evergreen Cemetery and had some sunken graves filled in. His next projects are to chip up the brush piles in that cemetery and put new trash barrels in the cemeteries that need them. Additionally, the Cemetery Committee had a workday in Cooper's Beach Cemetery, organized by Bill Gay, in which the woods were trimmed and debris cleared around the six graves. The Holiday Beach Cemetery workday, organized by Michael Voncannon, involved cleaning headstones. Also, at the request of the Committee, the Town has asked for bids to take down some very tall, dead trees in McPhail's Cemetery which pose a hazard to people and headstones.

Please note that there is a new access road to Ginn Point Cemetery. The owners have put in a lovely, wood chip covered, drivable path through the woods that begins a few hundred feet further down Ginn Point Road from the old access road. Because the cemetery is located on private property, the Town asks that visitors be considerate of the owner's property and privacy.

Meanwhile, the comprehensive Cemetery Ordinances have passed most of the approval steps and are awaiting a public hearing and town approval.

Once again, special thanks goes out to Sue Choate for her caring work in Ingraham Cemetery and to Terry Morang for keeping the Town cemeteries cleaned, mowed, and trimmed. Both your efforts are greatly appreciated.

On a sad note, Ken Crane passed away this past 4th of July holiday weekend. He had been working with the Town to find good investment tools for our perpetual care funds and his vast experience with various local non-profit organizations and thoughtful input were invaluable to our Committee. He will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kennedy Crane III William G. Gay Michael Voncannon Dan Clough Andrew Carpenter

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