

OWLS HEAD CEMETERY COMMITTEE

A complete restoration of MacPhail Cemetery (behind Hall Cemetery on Rt. 73 and near the end of Dogwood Lane) was accomplished this past September. The Committee originally allocated 3 or 4 days at most to the project, but it turned out that 7 days were needed to finish everything. There were more problems with the headstones than we realized. Not only were all the gravestones cleaned and repaired, if needed, but a bit of landscaping was required for the dead trees, overgrown bushes, and grading issues caused by erosion. To say that our little workforce was tuckered out at the end is an understatement, but the results were worth every bit of the effort.

The Committee had planned to restore Rose Hill (aka Addition) Cemetery this summer or fall. However, considering the problems that Covid-19 has brought to the area, as well as unknowns about the future, we thought that for the success of the project and the safety of those working on it, the restoration should be rescheduled in 2021. Currently, the cemeteries on the restoration list for the next few years are Rose Hill, Holiday Beach, and Ingraham, in that order.

We all know that for a town its size, Owls Head has a lot of cemeteries to maintain. One of the projects this year was to count the number of veterans that are within our cemeteries and we came up with 113 (known) veterans. We would also like to have the number of graves, but that is not as easy as it sounds because some of the headstones indicate multiple graves, some are poorly marked graves or are not marked at all, and historical records don't always match visual counts.

Our projects are always a team effort, so we owe many thanks to the following:

- Steve Cook and Pam Curtis with their grandkids for putting out flags for veterans for Memorial Day and picking them up in the fall. Eleanor and David Stone, Katherine DerMarderosian and her son Erick Provonsil, and Anna and Emma Mason also helped put out flags this spring.
- Art and Kitty Stanley for their generous donation to the MacPhail Cemetery restoration
- George C. Hall and Sons for donating materials for the restoration
- Benner's Tree Service for donating their time and equipment for the restoration
- Walter Guptill for providing lodging for Joe Ferannini and contributing to the cost of the tree work
- Al Hooper, Joy and Lee Harvey, James Godfrey, Joe Feraninni, and the Cemetery Committee for all their outstanding efforts and contributions towards the restoration project.

As always, a special thank you to Terry Morang for keeping our cemeteries looking so nice.

Respectfully submitted,

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