

CEMETERY TRUSTEES 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The Cemetery Trust Funds for 2015-2016 yielded interest totaling \$3,660.95. There are presently 247 trust funds. Four cemetery plots were sold during this period. The funds from the selling of plots are placed with the Trustee of the Trust Funds and the principal from these funds cannot be used. Only the interest can be used for maintenance.

Managing maintenance continues to be a large responsibility of the Trustees. The program for grub control in the Lee Hill and Old Parish Cemeteries continues. Gates for the Lee Hill Cemetery are in place. Once snow is on the ground it is very difficult to see the edges of the access roads and the stones. In order to prevent broken stones and monuments, the gates are closed for winter. A walk thru entrance is provided.

The upgrade of the Durgin Cemetery on North River Road was completed with a new fence and grass on the slope. This is the last upgrade of the smaller cemeteries that have Trust Funds.



Photos provided by Marianne Banks



The Cartland Cemetery on Cartland Road received damage during one of our storms. A very large pine tree fell over the cemetery. Stones were knocked over or driven into the ground. Thanks to Randy Stevens, his crew and Scott Kemp, the tree was removed and the stones were repaired.

The policy of “no planting trees and shrubs in the cemeteries” continues to be enforced. Upon reviewing the use of metal flower holders, it was found that mowing and trimming takes longer, driving them into the ground runs the chance of hitting a vault, and that they can fall over and chip stones. It was unanimously voted not to allow the use of metal flower holders. The Rules and Regulations have been updated to reflect this decision. We thank everyone for their cooperation. We also want to thank all our visitors to the cemeteries for cleaning up flowers and decorations at the end of the season. Your cooperation helps the maintenance crew keep our cemeteries neat and appealing.

Pruning shrubs and trees, repairing fences, painting, and cleaning and repairing of stones are ongoing. All fences that were in need of paint were painted. Mowing, fertilizing, liming and minor maintenance is carried out by Cemetery Superintendent Randy Stevens and his crew. We rely heavily on Randy and his crew for burials, monument and stone placements, and other burial management issues. We thank them for their dedication. Thank you also to the VFW Post 10676 of Lee for placing and removing of the memorial flags on the veterans’ graves.

Respectfully Submitted, Marianne Banks, Jacquelyn Neill and Jan Neill