CEMETERY TRUSTEES 2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Three trustees of the Cemeteries have been elected to oversee and maintain the public and non-public cemeteries within the Town of Lee. It is the desire of the Board of Trustees to provide the residents of Lee with a well groomed and peaceful country cemetery where visitors will benefit from a calm and tranquil experience. Although there are over 77 identified burial grounds within the town limits, the Lee Hill Cemetery (est. 1877) located across from the Town Hall on Route 155, is presently the only public graveyard open for interments.

The maintenance fee paid at the time of purchase is deposited into a trust fund. In addition to money from general taxation, the interest earned from the trust fund is used to mow the grass and to provide essential care and maintenance to each lot. We anticipate a modest increase to the lot prices in 2012 to maintain the level of care provided.

A total of 38 plots sold 2010-2011, a marked increase from the 7 plots sold in 2009-1010. The trustees are currently reviewing options for a section of Lee Hill Cemetery to be dedicated to cremations only.

This past year work was completed at several trusted cemeteries. The ornate fence at the Fernald Cemetery on Kelsey Road was repaired and painted; tree and brush removal completed. The Plummer Cemetery at the corner of Route 152 and Plummer Ln had several large trees removed, stumps ground and fencing repaired. The Charles Jones Cemetery on Snell Rd had major stone restoration work completed. The Randall Cemetery on Randall Rd had granite posts replaced, fencing repaired and damaged trees removed and replacement maples planted through the generosity of Jack Randall. The ornate fencing and gates were repaired at the Chesley Cemetery on Wadleigh Falls Rd. At Lee Hill Cemetery, damaged trees and vegetation removed from the perimeter fence. On Garrity Rd, the Hoitt Cemetery fence was painted and poison ivy removed. Major renovation work was started at Old Parish Cemetery at the corner of Garrity and Mast Rd.

Thank you to the VFW Post 10676 of Lee for again placing memorial flags on veterans' graves and to the Lee Cub Scouts for planting flower bulbs at the Lee Hill Cemetery.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cemetery Trustees