

Warner Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2019

Warner Cemetery Trustees Gerry Courser, Penny Courser, Don Wheeler, Mary Cogswell, and Ken Cogswell gathered on a drizzly Monday afternoon, April 22, to conduct their annual Spring Cemetery review. This year the tour began at Pine Grove Cemetery, and from there included visits to the following Town Cemeteries: New Waterloo (where the fence gate was unlocked for the season), Schoodac, Parade Ground, Poverty Plains, Lower Warner (examined a tall, dead pine, requiring eventual cutting), Davisville, and Village. Conditions of the headstones and surrounding overhead vegetation were noted at each site, with the Trustees acknowledgement that additional funding in the Town's Cemetery budget will be needed to cover the costs of trimming and removal of several hazardous trees/limbs, along with the repair of damaged/broken head stones. The Trustees concluded their business later in the day with the agreement to begin gathering estimates on projected cemetery maintenance costs, in order to use such information in formulating the next Town Cemetery budget, as well as probable application(s) to appropriate Town Trusts.

Later in the day after the group tour ended, Ken Cogswell stopped by the Seavey Cemetery off Kearsarge Mountain Road. Ken followed up the visit with a call to Mr. Larry Pletcher regarding the condition of this small family grave site that is on Mr. Pletcher's property. Larry said he would improve the cattle fencing near the cemetery in order to prevent his livestock from continuing to enter the site [as a postscript, Mr. Pletcher contacted me a few weeks later stating he had installed more fencing].

On his return home up Pumpkin Hill, Ken also went to the Poor Farm Cemetery, found in the woods behind Robert Koski's and Alan Brown's residences. Ken took photos of all the work Alan had performed at this small rural cemetery. His volunteer clean-up has greatly improved the appearance of the site, and will enhance the proposed ground penetrating radar survey there, in conjunction with the Poverty Plains Cemetery survey, later this year.

Recorded by K.Cogswell