

Town of Chichester, New Hampshire

Cemetery Trustees Meeting

December 6, 2021

The Chichester Cemetery Trustees, Ruthie Hammen, Fred Shaw and Brenda Boswak, met at 9:00 a.m. at the Historical Society building.

**Old Business**

The American flags have been removed from veterans' gravesites for the winter months. The Cemetery Trustees cleaned up and disposed of leftover memorabilia at gravesites in Leavitt Cemetery and Pineground Cemetery.

The project of removing dead Ash trees in the Burying Yard/Edmunds-Stanyan Cemetery has been tabled, for now. The equipment needed for this project and the logistics of carrying out a safe, reasonably priced process of removing these trees, requires further discussion. Fred and Brenda will continue discussion with *Todd's Tree Service* on this project, after the new year.

Some monument repairs were completed at Knowlton/Edgerly Cemetery and monument cleaning.

We are in the process of compiling a list of monuments needing repairs in each cemetery in town.

**New Business**

A bid for cemetery grounds maintenance has been awarded to Hodgkins Painting & Maintenance for the 2022 season.

The cemetery budget for 2022 has been proposed and submitted to the Town Budget Committee.

Fred and Ruthie have coordinated with the Trustees of the Trust Funds to keep these records up to date for 2021.

Ruthie is scheduled to meet with Mark Stevens, surveyor, for continuing the process of establishing and marking accurate boundaries for Fellows-Webster Cemetery.

***Wreaths Across America Day*** is scheduled for December 18, 2021. The response to sponsoring remembrance wreaths to place on Chichester veterans' gravesites has been exceptional! Chichester's residents and small businesses have been very, very generous!

As of today, we have ALL 210 wreaths sponsored. MANY people have registered to volunteer in various ways. The offers to help with loading/unloading/transporting wreaths, laying wreaths, posting, and submitting event information to the community and participating in the ceremony, are VERY much appreciated!

The event will begin at 12:00 p.m. with a brief ceremony at Veterans' Memorial Park and then volunteers will disperse to the cemeteries around Chichester to place the remembrance wreaths. In each cemetery a small shepherd's hook, with a name tag has been placed at each veterans' headstone for volunteers to locate where to place the wreaths.

Complete event day details have been made available at <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/NHCACE> and [www.chichesternh.org](http://www.chichesternh.org), as well as Brenda and Fred's contact information.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Boswak, Secretary, Cemetery Trustee