

DURHAM CEMETERY COMPANY

May 20, 2010

SITE WALK MINUTES

Directors Present: Bob Atwell, Peg Atwell, Ken DiVito, Kim Garvis, Greg Burritt, Gerry Brown, Dolores Caturano, Tom Palmieri, Simone Howe

Also Present: Ken Jay, Ms. Brown

Members walked the grounds of the Center Cemetery behind Town Hall and Mica Hill Cemetery.

Center Cemetery:

1. **Trees and rock wall:** Discussion about different options such as cutting down the large tree(s), or, removing part of the stone wall to allow the trees to remain. It was determined that before a decision is made prices should be obtained for removal of the tree and stone wall repair.
2. **Stone Repair:** Members walked Center Cemetery beginning at the entrance on the north side of town hall around to south side and determined the following stones should be repaired or reset as soon as possible:
 - a. J. E. Newton (second row past the stone wall on the right)
 - b. Alexander Camp
 - c. Martha Newton (in between the stone markers ICN and CTN)
 - d. Amos Smyth (?) this stone is in front of Lucy Hull Atwell near the first curve in the driveway
 - e. John Maxwell (in back near Fudge)
 - f. Guglielmetti (back row in the center)
 - g. Herzig (south side of Center Cemetery - turf needs to be tamped down)
 - h. Harriet Meeker Hull (next to Daniel Meeker – just past second curve in the driveway)
 - i. Beaumont (Indian burial stone) – this is an historically significant stone and money from that fund should be used to repair this stone
 - j. Elan Camp
 - k. Broken stone (name unknown) in front of Phineas Robinson
 - l. John J. Robinson
 - m. Nathan Fowler - behind Town Hall in the center section
 - n. Elnathan W. Hull (next to Sally Hull)
 - o. Name Unknown – tiny leaning stone next to William Southmayd

- p. George ? - back to the south side – near the stone wall, first row next to Erastus Jones

Ken Jay will make repairs as he deems appropriate, i.e., fixing the stones or laying flush in the ground.

3. Cremain Section: Discussion about the roadway near the back gate next to the fair grounds and determining if any bodies have actually been buried in this roadway. If there are no bodies buried in the roadway then this area will be set up for cremation burials. There is a spot in the last row, next to Lois Hendricks (1935-1959) near to the fair fence that appears to be available to bury the cremains of Albert and Betty Johnson. Lynn Johnson is planning to bury the cremains sometime in August. Lynn will need to call Ken Jay to make the arrangements.

Motion by Simone Howe, seconded by Kim Garvis, to allow the burial of Albert and Betty Johnson's cremains in the last row by the fair fence if it is determined no one is buried in this site. On a voice vote with none in opposition, the motion passed.

Mica Hill Cemetery:

Directors agreed that the following should be done:

1. Remove the rhododendrons in the center section by the stone wall. The headstones are very close to the stone wall in this area so only small plants, if any to be planted.
2. South side by the stone wall: remove rhododendrons and leave the laurels.
3. Tree removal: three trees to be removed and replaced with smaller, slow growing trees as follows: (these trees are on the south [exit] side of the driveway)
 - a. Tree next to Charles and Blanche Stannard
 - b. Tree next to Ida and Edward Clark
 - c. Tree next to William and Helen Thody

Discussion about the Wimler plots and possible installation of a cremation wall along the center curve of the driveway (on the east side of the driveway).

Ken, Greg and Tom will determine how much of the work can be completed at both cemeteries in this fiscal year and what work will need to wait until the beginning of the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

The Site Walk adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Garvis
Secretary

