



# TRUSTEES of the CEMETERIES

TOWNSHIP of SURRY, N.H.

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## Trustees of the Cemeteries:

Robert W Bergevin, Chairman

Frank Lucius

Linda Bergevin, Secretary

**March 15, 2018**

**TO: Selectmen, Residents and Interested Persons:**

**RE: Report of 2017 of the Trustees of the Cemeteries**

## CEMETERY CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- **East Surry Road:** Mowing, trimming and Memorial decorating completed. Repairs to the entrance gate and hardware.
- **Village Cemetery:** Mowing, trimming, Memorial decorating completed. Brush cleared on perimeters.
- **Pond Road Cemetery:** Maintained trimming and removal of tree debris.
- **Farm Road Cemetery:** Maintained trimming and removal of tree limbs. Restoration, Repairs to many of the headstones dislocated from their bases and some that were able to be straightened. Unexpected wind storm caused a large white pine to break and fall across the cemetery and headstones. Prompt and efficient removal by Phil's Tree Service's crane was appreciated.
- All cemeteries were maintained capably by the Sexton, Durwin Clark and his assistant Elizabeth Clark. Memorial Decorating was done by Cemetery Trustees and the Sexton and Assistant. Thanks to Jill Lane for ordering Memorial Flowers; to Susan Farrell and Linda Bergevin for planting geraniums on the designated graves.
- **New Veteran's marker flag holders and American flags** were purchased through the American Legion at a significant cost savings of about \$2.00 per unit over the previous vendor.

The Sexton team and Trustees did final clean-up of cemeteries on Veteran's Day Sunday in November, removing trash, dead plant debris and any worn flags or those fallen to the ground. Additionally, removed flags that were in excellent condition, conserving for reuse in 2018 season, again saving money.

### **Additional Activities:**

**June 19:** Two (2) Cemetery Trustees attended NH Charitable Trusts Unit training in Concord.

**June 19:** Attended Planning Board Meeting relative to a proposed subdivision of property:

Presented objection: based on known information of former occupants remains located on the property.

**July 14:** Issue resolved for Planning Board and property owner.

**Jul – Aug:** Two (2) genealogy inquiries completed.

**October 14:** Met with Trustees of Trust Funds

**October 30:** Met with Surry Selectmen

**Jan 2018:** Budget prep and planning

**Note:** Residents should be aware that minimal space is left in Surry's active Village Cemetery. Consideration and planning for expansion should be considered relatively soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Bergevin, Frank Lucius, Linda Bergevin - Trustees of the Cemeteries