

## Walpole Cemetery Trustees Meeting October 2019

Present; Dale Woodward, chair, Linda Edkins, John Sheldon

It has been a busy summer for the trustees. Thanks to Dale for handling several of the meetings and arrangements. This is a summary of many meetings from August to October.

It was decided that Keene Monument would be the provider for resetting and repairs to the town's stones for this year. Early August the trustees met to mark the rest of the stones needing attention. On August 22 the trustees met with Jason from Keene Monument and reviewed the stones to be attended to. He would work up a price and send us a quote. August 29<sup>th</sup>, we received a bid of \$4375.00 for the work as a group. A few stone had been added during the review and may be in addition to the amount. All agreed to approve the estimate and have them do the work. The work is almost complete and they have done a great job. We look forward to getting more done next year.

Another matter to be addressed was the selecting a new caretaker for the cemeteries. After many years of dedicated attention to our beautiful cemeteries, Jim & Bev Corey are retiring at the end of this year. We all thank them for their hard work and diligence of a job well done. We felt it best to put the position up for bid, which needed a job description, which was never written before. Dale & Linda did much research on what other towns had come up with and we formulated what we felt covered our needs. September 12, the opportunity for the position was posted on the town bulletin board and 2 companies placed bids. After a review of expectations with each and then comparing bids, the trustees awarded Tip Top Landscaping the work for 2020.

The Walpole Historical Society has moved the hearse into the Historical Society building, which is great news. All visitors will now be able to view this great piece of history.

Our budget meeting will be held on November 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sheldon