



## *Town of Candia*

*Cemetery Trustees*

74 High Street

Candia, New Hampshire

03034

### **Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2009**

Chairman Snow opened the meeting at approximately 7 PM in the Meeting Room of the Candia Town Office Building and provided proof of posting. Jim Franklin, a Candia resident and Land Surveyor and Jim Lindsey, a Candia resident and member of the Heritage Commission were also present.

An overview of the laws related to Cemetery Trustees was presented and reviewed. It was noted that discussion of the possibility of a warrant article to rescind the vote to “delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the board of selectmen” and to elect Cemetery Trustees had been brought to the attention of the BOS at an earlier meeting and would now be brought up again for submission at the next annual Town Meeting.

Copies of the Concord NH cemetery Policies and Rules were made available for review.

Extensive discussion was held on the physical locations and history of the cemeteries in town. Jim Lindsey provided a copy of a database on private cemetery lots. It was noted that he had a digital listing of the data contained in the “Purington” catalog of burial information. A copy of his data had previously been made available to the chair. Jim Franklin provided information on the availability of previous surveys of our cemeteries that he was aware of. He also noted that he and his son had done some informal additional work to identify individual plots and grave stones. It was decided that one goal of the board would be to have a formal perimeter survey for every cemetery. Additional work would then be done to define the physical location of the internal features of the cemeteries, including roads and other physical features. Jim Franklin agreed to bring a proposal for making progress toward the goal to the next meeting.

It was noted, with regret, that Richard Anderson had resigned, at the beginning of the month, as Superintendent of Cemeteries. A transition was in process to get the cemetery data transferred to the trustees. Richard hoped to be able to continue working with the board to help out, as long as he could.

Discussion on agenda items 7-9 was tabled until the next meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting (10/9/09) were accepted with the change from “BOS” to “Cemetery Trustees” in the second to last sentence.

There being no additional “Other Business”, the chair thanked all the attendees for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.