

UNDERHILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Located on Park Street
PO Box 7
Underhill, Vermont 05489
www.underhillcemetery.com

802-899-2233
LOTS AVAILABLE
Get a "lot" while you are young!

News Letter 2021



Fence Painting Project: We were able to complete over 1/3 of our total fence. Thank you to our volunteers: Ann & Katelyn Hudson; Pam, Kasey, & Randy Clark; Debbie & Mike Henry; Doug St Amour; Rachel Becker; Alan Morse; and Mark & Lois Lavoie. We also received many cash donations \$1,495

Newsletters: We would like to sincerely thank, Clark's Truck Center for printing and mailing 25 Newsletters.

Mapping: Marc Maheux has continued to do the mapping, we would like to thank Marc for doing this and encourage him to keep up the good work. Thank you, Marc.

Mowing: Our mowing contractor, Jim Driscoll, took over in 2020 and Jim and his crew did a good job, Thank you Jim and crew. Jim has agreed to continue for the 2021 season.

Trash by the Gate: Please remove your old flowers and Christmas wreaths, and take them Move and put them in **your trash** as we do not maintain trash at our cemetery. Thank You

Monuments: Monuments are NOT the responsibility of the UCA, if your monument is leaning or down and or needs repair, please have it repaired. Contact us and we will guide you in the right direction, call or text our Sexton: 802-899-2233

Monument Repair: We hired James Woodman to repair some of the monuments in the older part of the cemetery and Trustee, Alan Morse, sprayed "all" of the monuments with a cleaner. The cleaner takes time to work and we are already seeing good results. Thanks, Alan

WE GRACIOUSLY THANK THE FOLLOWING DONORS FOR 2020

Alexander, Joan	Allen, Margaret	Andrews, John & Jane
Austin, Betsy	Belcher, Deborah	Briggs, Joan Schilhammer
Camacho, Lisa Duffek	Chamberlain, Jean	Chase, Carol
Clark, Randy & Kitty	Clark's Truck Center	Coffey, Shirley
Crowley Insurance	Cubit, Rachel & Arthur	Damkot, Mary
Damkot, Sharon	Davis, Richard	Degree, Arlene
Doenges, Roger & Lucille	Durbrow, William & Maxine	Ellsworth, James
Fletcher, Judith & Richard	Gleason, Roger & Pat	Gleason, Martha
Hackney, Bobby & Tammy	Huff, Patricia	Krug, William
Langlais, Kathleen & Les	Lavoie, Lois & Mark	Maheux, Elaine
Martelle, Mary & Robert	Morris, Dudley & Mary	Morris, Alexander
Peters, Keith & Mary Ann	Pilgrim, Carol	Rosen, Jane
Russin, Larry & Beatrice	Samuelson, Roy	Schillhammer, Alan & Christine
Seymour, Ron & Sue	Sperry, Linda & Rob	St. Amour, John & Brenda
Stimpson, Judy & Wayne	Tower, Scott & Amelia	Townsend, Lindsay
Worcester, Janice	Wozencraft, Frances	

TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED: \$6,102 THANK YOU...! THIS AMOUNT IS UP 3% FROM 2019,WE ARE NOT TOWN SUPPORTED. ALL OF OUR EXPENSES ARE PAID FROM OUR INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND DONORS LIKE YOU. WE CAN NOT THANK YOU ENOUGH, LET'S SEE IF WE CAN DO IT AGAIN IN 2021. DONATIONS MAY BE SENT TO PO BOX 7 UNDERHILL, VT 05489

Planned Giving Creating a Legacy

The Underhill Cemetery Association has received generosity from family and friends of people buried here. People have made many types of gifts to support the cemetery and its upkeep.

A gift to the Underhill Cemetery Association can bring important financial benefits to you. Planned gifts can generate lifelong income, convert low-yielding assets into a higher income stream at reduced tax rates, obtain significant income tax deductions, and reduce estate taxes.

There are only three places that your assets will be distributed after your lifetime: your heirs, charitable organizations or the government. Planning now will assure that you control the way your assets are used instead of the Federal government doing that for you by default. Our Trustee can work with you to design the most advantageous ways of giving to meet your goals.

If you would like more information about planned gifts to the UCA please call Randy H. Clark, Trustee at 802-899-2233, or email him at honorarychief@aol.com. We look forward to helping you accomplish your financial and philanthropic goals.

2020 Annual Meeting Underhill Cemetery Association

The members of the Underhill Cemetery Association met on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7pm at Clark's Truck Center, 6 Orr Road, Jericho, VT

Members Present: Craig Walker, Randy Clark, Alan Morse, Scott Towers, Tom Fetters, Lynne Kemp, Harlan Blodgett, Judy Boardman.
Alan Morse and Lynne Kemp were present via conference call.

Meeting called to order at by Vice President Craig Walker at 7:08 pm, to transact the following business.

Moment of silence to honor the passing of President Gael Boardman and thanked him for his service.

1. To hear and act on the reports of its officers.

1a. Secretary's Report

The secretary did not read the report aloud, as it was printed in the newsletter.

Randy Clark moved to accept Secretary's report as printed in the newsletter. Alan seconded. Request for discussion. Motion passed.

1b. Auditor's Report

Harlan presented. He reported that they met and went over the finances and everything was found to be in order and up to date. Randy motioned to accept the auditor's report. Judy seconded. Request for discussion. Motion passed.

1c. Treasurer's Report

Tom Fetters presented the Attached Treasurer's Report.

Net after expenses this year was better than last year. Primarily due to not having the large expense of repairing the vault. We are solvent. Craig requested any discussion. Judy motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Harlan seconded motion to accept. All accepted report as read. Motion passed.

1d. Trustee's Report

Randy presented the attached Trustee's Report.

Randy clarified that the vault was in 2017, not last year and the expenses in 2017 were \$13,583. In 2018, they were \$7,426 and this year expenses were \$6,897, so they are even less than last year. The main reason was that we didn't have to do any work last year like straighten any monuments and that is the savings.

Mark is doing mapping and keeping up to date. We'd like to thank Mark as he has picked it up from Mr. Moore. It is very important and he's doing a great job.

Mowing contractor, Kyle Thurgate of Thurgate Lawn Care, ended his contract last year. His contract was up at the end of 2019. We want to thank him for his good service. This year we have hired James Driscoll "Coach" at Brown's River. We look forward to working with Jim.

We ask people to remove their own trash as we do not maintain trash at the cemetery.

Newsletter: Last year we printed and mailed 175 newsletters. For the last 10 years we have asked for emails, which very few people have done. This year we only printed and mailed 25 newsletters, and sent them to the people that donate money to us. Given that after 10 years if we don't have an email, they probably don't read it anyway. We emailed 227 newsletters to people. 25 are mailed. Randy puts a personal note on each one that we need an email address for them. So far we have received 3 emails from those 25 that were sent out, along with a check! :)

Property Line: We discovered this year ,that the back fence on the newer unused section, at the back, where the chain link fence is, is not the actual property line. We actually have about 10 feet above the fence. Not that we would necessarily place anyone there, but we could use that to cut back the brush. Alan has done an excellent job cutting the brush and we want to thank Alan for doing that.

Monuments: We are also considering cleaning monuments this year. We are using a product called "Wet and Forget". You just spray it on and the next year it is a whole lot better. Not 100%, it may need to be done a second time, but it does a great job. Scott felt they recommend you do it a second time. For the last two years Randy has been doing it when putting flags out for fire dept members.

It's expensive but not difficult or labor intensive to use. It's a pump spray you can mix, or buy premixed. It does not kill the grass. You can also use it on vinyl siding, fencing, perhaps roofs as well.

We need to do some monument repair. Some are down, some have bad foundations. Alan and Randy met with James "Woody" Woodman who has fixed some for us before and done a great job, and reasonably priced. He will repair the five stones for \$625.

Fence: It's been 10 years since we painted the fence. Craig noted the front side down by River Road looks in need of help. Gael always used to bring up replacing it on the corner. Since there was talk of doing a sidewalk through there, we've been holding off on that. Alan thinks that part of the fence sits in the water in that corner because the drain is a little higher in the area. Last time we paid \$30 per section plus materials. We have hired a couple to paint it this year for the same price. It's easier to price it by section rather than by time taken. We are painting it by hand. It takes roughly two hours per section. We get a discount at Ace hardware for materials. We wanted to set up a charge account but that hasn't been set up yet by ACE. So they are billing Randy instead who in turns bills it to the cemetery.

Members of the 2016 annual meeting voted to increase lot prices 5% per year. Lot in 2018: \$660. Lot in 2019: \$690. A lot consists of deeded parcel of land that will hold 1 casket or 2 cremations. 2020 price is \$725 + \$225 for the four corners.

The website was established in 2011 and continues to grow with updated information. It gets at least two inquiries each day but it's generally people trying to sell us something. Randy feels we will get to a point where the site will list everyone's names that are buried at Underhill Cemetery. A lot of people like to research their genealogy and that will help them to do so. There is also a website called findagrave.com you can type in a person's name if you know where they're buried to find them. It will also show a picture of the gravestone. Scott said you only need to know the county and it'll give you a list of cemeteries in that county.

VT Cemetery Association: Alan and Randy went to the meeting in 2019. They found it to be very informative and they decided to become members for \$25 a year. You meet a lot of people just like our group and it is great for sharing information. They did not have the meeting this year due to Covid-19.

Scott questioned when we are responsible for fixing a monument. Randy explained that if there are immediate relatives still living, we get in touch with them about making a repair to the monument. Tom motioned to approve the Trustee's report. Scott seconded. All unanimously accepted.

1e. Sexton's Report

See attached, Presented by Randy. Sold 4 graves. Which is down a little, which is actually good. There were 4 burials - which were 2 full burials and 2 cremations. For the two full burials, there were plots already purchased. Those cremated, their plots purchased upon their death. Usually a plot is purchased when someone else in their family has passed. The sexton's report includes the obituary and a photo, which is a nice touch. Judy motioned to accept the Sexton's Report. Harlan seconded. Motion passed, no further discussions. Unanimously approved and passed.

2. Old Business

2a. Mowing

Already discussed, see above. Also Alan and Randy felt Jim Driscoll was not doing a great job along the upper graves and the storage shed. Once it goes up higher in elevation he doesn't mow that area each time. We are playing it by ear. Paying Jim Driscoll \$35/hr. Paying the trimmer guy \$25/hr. Hopefully it'll go better once he gets the hang of it. The cost is pretty close to last year.

2b. Fence: See above.

2c. Website: See above.

3. To elect officers for the ensuing year (present officers and terms are listed below.)

President:	Craig Walker	Term Expires 2021
Vice President:	Judy Boardman	Term Expires 2021
Secretary:	Lynne Kemp	Term Expires 2021
Treasurer:	Tom Fetters	Term Expires 2021
Trustee:	Randy Clark	Term Expires 2023
	Alan Morse	Term Expires 2021
	Scott Tower	Term Expires 2022
Auditor:	Marc Maheux	Term Expires 2021
	Harlan Blodgett	Term Expires 2022
	Mary Martell	Term Expires 2023

Randy nominated Craig Walker to be President of the Cemetery Association. Alan seconded. There were no other nominations for President. Randy moved that nomination close. Clerk cast one ballot in favor of Craig Walker President. All in favor, nomination passed.

Craig presented that he would like to have Judy Boardman on the Association. Randy nominated Judy as Vice President of the Cemetery Association. Tom seconded. No further discussion. Judy Boardman elected Vice President of the Cemetery Association. It is so special to us that Judy is involved and therefore Gael is also still present with us which means so much to us as she has been so involved for so many years.

Randy nominated Lynne Kemp for Secretary. Scott seconded. All approved.

Tom Fetters is our current Treasurer. Craig nominated Tom Fetters for Treasurer. Judy Boardman seconded. All approved Tom Fetters as Treasurer.

Trustees: Tom Fetters nominated Randy for Trustee. Harlan seconded. All approved Randy Clark as Trustee. (Alan and Scott are not up for re-election)

Auditor: Randy felt Mary Martell would be up for another term. Although not present tonight, she was at the Auditor's meeting last week. Craig requested nominations. Alan nominated Mary. Scott seconded. All were in favor of Mary Martell as Auditor for three years.

4. New Business

No new business at this time.

5. To transact any other business thought proper.

Randy asked if anyone remembered Cedric Wetherbee. Their son was 20 when he was killed. Back then when someone died you purchased six plots. Cedric (Ted) has now passed away. His wife Marilyn was buried last year (maybe). Their daughter Penny is living in FL and has no intent

of moving back here. She has offered to give the remaining three plots back to the cemetery. Her Dad paid \$200 for the six of them. The problem is that the Wetherbee monument is in the center of the 6 plots.

They're willing to give us the 3 grave sites but we'd have to move the monument down and center it over the 3 graves. The top of the monument needs to be reset on the base anyway.

Woody has given us a price to do all that for \$500. But we can then sell each plot for \$725.

Wetherbee's would actually give us the deed back. The deed is recorded in the town offices.

People now are generally buying what they actually want which generally is one plot at a time and putting in 2 cremations per plot.

Some cemeteries have a cremation section which are smaller plots but you can't put up a monument. But there isn't much size difference, ours are 11'x3.5' – 2 cremations plus monument.

Woody would also take care of two that are down, two are leaning, two have foundations that need to be fixed.

Randy passed around a photo of the Wetherbee plot. Randy moved that we accept the Wetherbee's three plots and pay Woody \$500 to move monument.

Lynne seconded that motion. Craig asked for discussion. All approved unanimously. Motion passed.

Lynne brought up for discussion the possibility of planting flowers along the fence line.

There was discussion about which cemetery had flowers along fence line (Pleasant Valley Cemetery). Randy brought up the interesting point that a cemetery must have a fence around it, which previously was to keep out livestock. It was decided that it would be too much to try to mow around.

Craig requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy motioned to adjourn meeting. Harlan seconded.

8:25 pm, Craig closed meeting. Motioned approved.

Meeting adjourned by Craig Walker, 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Kemp

Lynne Kemp

**WARNING 2021 ANNUAL MEETING
UNDERHILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

The members of the Underhill Cemetery Association are hereby warned to meet on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7PM at Clark’s Truck Center, 6 Orr Road, Jericho, VT to transact the following business

To hear and act on the reports of its officers

- Secretary’s report
- Auditor’s report
- Treasurer’s report
- Trustee’s report
- Sexton’s report

Old Business

- Mowing
- Fence Painting
- Web site
- Monument Repair and Cleaning

To elect officers for the ensuing year (present officers and terms are listed below)

President:	Craig Walker	Term Expires 2021
Vice President:	Judy Boardman	Term Expires 2021
Secretary:	Lynne Kemp	Term Expires 2021
Treasurer:	Tom Fetters	Term Expires 2021
Trustee:	Alan Morse	Term Expires 2021
	Scott Tower	Term Expires 2022
	Randy Clark	Term Expires 2023
Auditor:	Marc Maheux	Term Expires 2021
	Harlan Blodgett	Term Expires 2022
	Mary Martell	Term Expires 2023

New Business

To transact any other business thought proper

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Kemp, Secretary

Contact Information: www.underhillcemetery.com PO Box 7
Underhill, VT 05489

Randy Clark
802 899 2233

Alan Morse
802 899 3939

Scott Tower
802 899-2983