

# UNDERHILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Located on Park Street  
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Underhill, Vermont 05489  
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802-899-2233  
LOTS AVAILABLE  
Get a "lot" while you are young!

## News Letter 2025

**"You can tell a lot about a town by the way it cares for its cemeteries."**

*Author Unknown*



Before

During

After

Thank you to the above three employees of Trout Lily Forestry Services for scraping and painting our fence, also thank you to the volunteers that helped in the prior two years. Our total cost for materials and labor was \$7,979.84 and a **SPECIAL THANK YOU to the following donors that contributed \$5,325.00 to do the fence project.**

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Becker, Rachel         | Briggs, Joan                  | Burgess, Judy  | Coffey, Shirley      |
| Damkot, Mary           | Damkot, Sharon                | Duffek, Mickey | Duffek, Nick         |
| Duffek, Stephen & Lisa | Fletcher, Dick & Judy         | Fowler, James  | Frey, Roger & Gert   |
| Gleason, Martha        | Kinney, Kim                   | Krug, William  | Martelle, Mary & Bob |
| Morse, Alan            | Palagonia, Anthony & Patricia |                | Pilgrim, Carol       |
| Rosen, Jane            | Stimpson, Judy & Wayne        |                | Trask, Foundation    |
| Ward, Brian            | Williamson, Dave & Kathy      |                |                      |

## **WE GRACIOUSLY THANK THE FOLLOWING DONORS FOR 2024**

**The following donors contributed \$3,207.50 compared to \$4,405 in 2023, so we were down 27%**

|                              |                                |                            |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Breen, Kathleen              | Briggs, Joan                   | Chase, Carol               |
| Clark, Randy & Kitty         | Damkot, Mary                   | Doenges, Roger             |
| Durbrow, William & Maxine    | Ellsworth, James               | Fletcher, Judith & Richard |
| Fowler, James                | Gleason, Roger & Patricia      | Kelley, Brenda             |
| Lavoie, Lois & Mark          | Morse, Loni & Amy              | Pilgrim, Carol             |
| Russin, Wayne & Lisa         | Schillhammer, Alan & Christine | Seymour, Ron & Sue         |
| St. Amour, John & Brenda     | Stimpson, Judy & Wayne         | Tower, Scott & Amelia      |
| Underhill Historical Society | Ward, Doug                     | Williamson, Dave & Kathy   |

**We invite you to attend the Annual Meeting to be held May 21st at 7PM. Our host will be Allegiance Trucks (formerly Clark's Truck Center) 6 Orr Road, Jericho, VT.**

**we look forward to your participation.**

**If you are looking for the grave of a loved one in our cemetery or any cemetery, check out the website: Find A Grave**

#### **Quick Update on Past Year:**

**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, Big Red, finished out the 2024 year and found with all the rain this year it was difficult to keep up.. Thank you, Big Red and crew for your care of mowing and trimming. The grass grew so much we had to hire another company to mow and trim in November!!  
**Our total cost for mowing in 2024 was \$5,820!!!**

**Trash by the Gate:** Please remove your old flowers and Christmas wreaths, and take them home 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

**REMEMBER.....WE ARE NOT TOWN SUPPORTED., YOUR DONATIONS ARE OUR OPERATING MONEY! ALL OF OUR EXPENSES ARE PAID FROM OUR INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND DONORS LIKE YOU. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. 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 [honorarchief@aol.com](mailto:honorarchief@aol.com). We look forward to helping you accomplish your financial and philanthropic goals.

#### **2024 Annual Meeting of the Underhill Cemetery Association**

The members of the Underhill Cemetery Association met on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7PM at Allegiance Trucks, 6 Orr Road, Jericho, VT.

Members Present: Randy Clark, Scott Tower, Harlan Blodgett, Marc Maheux, Lynne Kemp, Judy Boardman. Guest: Bob Covey

Meeting called to order by President Judy Boardman at 7:08 pm, to transact the following

business.

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

### **1a. Secretary's Report**

Lynne Kemp presented the Secretary's report from the Cemetery Association meeting of 2023.

Marc moved to accept the Secretary's report as read.

Randy seconded.

The report was accepted as read.

### **1b. Auditor's Report**

Marc presented the Auditor's report (attached).

Marc, Harland, and Dave Williamson met with Randy for a layman's review of records, and found everything to be in order. Each order matched, and they were satisfied with the review.

Note: on June 4th, Tom Fetters resigned from being Treasurer.

Note: on July 5th, Trustees have agreed to appoint Heidi Bartlett as Interim Treasurer until the next election in May of 2025.

Lynne moved to accept the Auditors report

Judy seconded.

All accepted as read.

### **1c. Treasurer's Report**

Randy presented the Treasurer's Report (attached).

We reviewed all investments listed, including purchase of lots and corners, and grave digging.

Our total income was \$9,136.02

Our income was greater than the expenses - which are mowing, insurance, flowers, water, etc. - but not quite as good as last year.

The total expenses are \$6,359.69

The net after expenses is \$2,776.33

We had moved \$50K from the Money Market, to a Certificate of Deposit, which is now up to \$52,125. It was a 6-month CD and extended for another 6 months, which is up in June.

Randy listed the rest of our investments.

Marc motioned to accept the Treasurer's report with discussion.

Judy seconded the motion to accept, and opened the floor for discussion.

Marc suggested taking money from the checking account and putting it in a CD or some interest bearing account. Keeping funds needed in the checking account, for expenses. Randy noted, you can still take money out of the CD if you need to.

Randy noted we need two signatures at the bank when we do that. The Treasurer and Trustee need to sign. We want to be careful because when we sell a grave, 50% of it goes into the money market (or CD).

Marc also noted the new Treasurer could do electronic statements and therefore get rid of the \$39 service charge.

All accepted the report.  
Motion passed.

#### **1d. Trustee's Report**

Randy presented the Trustee's Report (attached).  
Trustees go by the calendar year.

Randy reviewed the purchase orders listed.  
Orders totaled \$6,320.69  
Cornerstones are not an actual cost - this amount is paid by the grave purchaser, and then paid to the Sexton for the set of four stones and installation cost.  
Grave digging is paid to the cemetery by family, then the cemetery pays the grave digger.

Marc has continued mapping, thank you Mark!

Mowing:  
'Big Red Outdoor' has been hired for \$3,920 for the 2024 season. He will mow the whole thing each time, and trim half of it each time.

We ask people to take their trash home with them.

Newsletters:  
We printed and mailed 7 newsletters to those who donate money throughout the year.  
323 get newsletters via email. A total of 330 people get our newsletter.

Monument Repair and Cleaning:  
We did not have to apply any 'wet and forget' this year as the monuments look good!  
We thank Alan Morse for applying it for the previous 3 years.

Tree and Sign: A large tree fell, Eric Lackey and Dave Williamson cleaned up the tree.  
Alan fixed the fence.  
(Note, we own 10 feet further in behind than where the fence is.)  
Randy and Kitty Clark donated the new sign!

Fence:  
It has been 10 years since we painted the fence. Sections have been worked on over the past

few years. 8 sections were completed in 2023. We are hoping to have more finished in 2024, the cemetery will furnish all materials.

#### Gate:

We're considering putting a gate over the water line, and use that current fence to replace damaged fencing at the Park Street / River Road corner.

We also have access via the right of way in front of the post office.

Randy has some info for people that can install fences, and spoke to F.E. Hart regarding the actual fencing.

#### Website:

established in 2011 continues to be updated by Randy. It is updated and current.

[www.underhillcemetery.com](http://www.underhillcemetery.com)

VT Cemetery Association has not had a meeting, hoping they will be having one in 2024.

#### Grave Prices:

Lot prices go up 5% per year since the 2016 meeting.

A lot, now called grave, consists of a deeded parcel of land that can hold one casket burial or two cremation burials.

The price for 2024 will be \$880 per grave plus \$400 for cornerstones

We are up to date in receiving cornerstones.

Green Burials: we do not allow them in our cemetery due to liability of grave sites falling in.

Sign: Kerschner sign was the company that we went with to replace the sign, and it was donated by Randy and Kitty Clark. They also repainted the existing posts as they were in good condition.

Trees: we are concerned about and keeping an eye on the dead trees on the south side.

Marc motioned to approve the Trustee's report.

Lynne seconded.

All unanimously accepted.

#### **1e. Sexton's Report**

The report was presented by Randy, which covers Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023, see attached.

Sold 0 graves, which has never happened before.

We had 4 burials (see the Sextons Report for detailed listing):

3 cremations, 1 full burial.

Obituaries are included in the report for each person.

Marc motioned to accept the Sexton's Report.

Judy seconded.  
Unanimously approved.

## **2. Old Business**

### **2a. Mowing**

See Trustee's Report above.

### **2b. Fence Painting**

See Trustee's Report above.

### **2c. Website**

See Trustee's Report above.

Marc suggested doing an aerial view of the cemetery with a grid showing where the gravesites are and include the obituary. We discussed what findagrave.com has on their site, and possible other options for website hosts and pricing.

Right now the water district does \$270 for their 3 year introductory offer for their site host. Then it goes up to \$700+. Mark is looking at other companies to utilize.

### **2d. Monument Repair and Cleaning**

See Trustee's Report above.

## **3. To elect officers for the ensuing year (officers and terms updated list below.)**

President Judy Boardman asked if all of the present officers would continue for another year. Judy is okay doing it again.

Craig, via Randy, said he would continue unless someone else wanted to hold the position.

Mary Martelle agreed to continue her term for a period of 3 years, and she can resign when she moves if she wishes to.

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|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| President:      | Judy Boardman    | Term Expires 2025 |
| Vice President: | Craig Walker     | Term Expires 2025 |
| Secretary:      | Lynne Kemp       | Term Expires 2025 |
| Treasurer:      | TBD              | Term Expires 2025 |
| Trustee:        | Scott Tower      | Term Expires 2025 |
|                 | Randy Clark      | Term Expires 2026 |
|                 | Mary Martelle    | Term Expires 2027 |
| Auditor:        | Harland Blodgett | Term Expires 2025 |
|                 | David Williamson | Term Expires 2026 |
|                 | Marc Maheux      | Term Expires 2027 |

Mark motioned to elect the officer as we know they are willing: Judy, Craig, Lynne, Mark, Mary. Lynne seconded.  
All approved.

Lynne suggested sending an email blast to those who receive newsletters to see if anyone would like to hold the Treasurer position that is currently open. We'll focus on the local people

and see if anyone volunteers.

Marc motioned for the above. Randy will send the email, report to the Trustees and the Trustees will make the appointment.

Lynne seconded.

All approved the motion.

#### **4. New Business**

President Judy Boardman inquired about any new business.

None

#### **5. To transact any other business thought proper.**

None

Note, 3/21/24 update: we have changed our account so we do not pay a monthly \$3.00 fee and we have agreed with the bank to take ten or fifteen thousand from our checking and put it into the CD that pays approximately 4.5% interest.

Marc motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Lynne seconded.

8:53pm, President Judy Boardman closed the meeting.

Motion approved.

*Lynne Kemp*

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Kemp

#### **WARNING 2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

#### **UNDERHILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

The members of the Underhill Cemetery Association are hereby warned to meet on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7PM at Allegiance Trucks (formerly 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:      | Judy Boardman     | Term Expires 2025 |
| Vice President: | Craig Walker      | Term Expires 2025 |
| Secretary:      | Lynne Kemp        | Term Expires 2025 |
| Treasurer:      | To be determined* | Term Expires 2025 |

|          |                  |                   |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|
| Trustee: | Scott Tower      | Term Expires 2025 |
|          | Randy Clark      | Term Expires 2026 |
|          | Mary Martelle    | Term Expires 2027 |
| Auditor: | Harlan Blodgett  | Term Expires 2025 |
|          | David Williamson | Term Expires 2026 |
|          | Marc Maheux      | Term Expires 2027 |

**New Business**

**To transact any other business thought proper**

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynne Kemp*

Lynne Kemp, Secretary

\*Trustees appointed Heidi Bartlett in June, however she resigned Dec. 31, 2024, Randy Clark has filled in and is working with Katelyn Ouellette to take over in 2025.

***If you have a family member buried in the Underhill Cemetery and you are below the age of 60, we REALLY need your help. Most of the positions only take less than 10 hours a year! PLEASE call or text one of the above or 802-899-2233.***