

UNDERHILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

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Underhill, Vermont 05489
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News Letter 2024

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

Author Unknown



Dave Williamson and Eric Lackey cut up and clean up the large tree that fell in the Underhill Cemetery and Alan Morse repaired the fence where the tree fell. This is our new sign, donated by Randy & Kitty Clark.

The Board of Directors and all of us associated with the Underhill Cemetery would like to Thank You for your kind remarks about the Underhill Cemetery and financial support over the past years and **we invite you to attend the Annual Meeting to be held May 15th 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, Eric Lackey, finished out the 2023 year and found with all the rain this year it was difficult to keep up.. Thank you, Eric and crew for your care of mowing and trimming.

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

Monument Cleaning and Straightening: Alan Morse (former Trustee) has volunteered many hours straightening and reinstalling monuments that were leaning or had fallen. Thanks, Alan

WE GRACIOUSLY THANK THE FOLLOWING DONORS FOR 2023

Alexander, Joan	Breen, Kathleen	Burns, Lois
Chase, Carol	Clark, Randy & Kitty	Cook, Larry
Damkot, Mary	Damkot, Sharon	Doenges, Roger & Lucille
Durbrow, William & Maxine	Ellsworth, James	Fletcher, Judith & Richard
Fowler, James	Freund, Johathan	Freund, Family
Gleason, Martha	Hooper, Susan & Greg	Krug, William H.
Lavoie, Lois & Mark	Montgomery, Thomas	Morse, Alan
Morris, Dudley & Margaret	Rosen, Jane	Schillhammer, Alan & Christine
Seymour, Ron & Sue	Stimpson, Judy & Wayne	Tower, Scott & Amelia
Wong-Ng, Winnie		

TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED: \$4,405 THANK YOU! THIS AMOUNT IS UP BY 18% FROM LAST YEAR!!! 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. HOPEFULLY WE CAN DO BETTER IN 2024. 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.

2023 Annual Meeting

Underhill Cemetery Association

The members of the Underhill Cemetery Association met on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7PM at Allegiance Trucks, 6 Orr Road, Jericho, VT.

Members Present: Randy Clark, Scott Tower, Craig Walker, Marc Maheux, Lynne Kemp, Judy Boardman, Mary Martelle, Tom Fetters.
Guests: Essie Howe and Susan Thomas.

Meeting called to order by President Judy Boardman at 7:10 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 2022.
Marc moved to accept the Secretary's report as read. Craig seconded. The report was accepted as read.

1c. Auditor's Report

Marc reported the status of the Auditor's report.
Randy moved to accept the auditors report. Craig seconded. All accepted as read.

1b. Treasurer's Report

Tom Fetters presented the Treasurer's Report.
Our total income was \$14,715.45. Greater than the expenses, which are mowing, insurance, flowers, water, corners, etc. - but not quite as good as last year. The total expenses were \$9,559.93. The net after expenses is \$5,155.52
Randy motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Judy seconded the motion to accept.
Judy opened the floor for discussion. All accepted the report as read. Motion passed.

1d. Trustee's Report

Trustee's Report was presented by Randy for the year 2022. Trustees go by the calendar year.
Marc has continued mapping, thank you Marc!

Mowing: Nick Barlett has mowed this year but does not have time to mow for us in 2023.

We have hired Eric Lachey for \$5,800 for the season. He will mow all and trim half each time.

We ask people to take their trash home with them.

Newsletters: We printed and mailed 8 newsletters to those who have donated through the years.
267 get newsletter via email. A total of 275 people get our newsletter.

Monument Repair and Cleaning:

2022 is the third year wet and forget has been applied. Alan Morse has been doing it and it looks great.

Alan Morse has been straightening in section 3 and 4 this year.

We thank Alan Morse for his time.

Fence:

It's been 12 years since the fence was painted in 2010. Volunteers did a third in 2020, Trustee Scott Tower did a few sections in 2021. None done in 2022. Trying to get some done in 2023. We would love volunteers, the cemetery will furnish all materials.

We talked about moving the section of fence from over the water 'entrance' line over to replace the damaged fence at the River Road corner. We have not done this yet, but are keeping it in mind.

The Trustees feel that we should put a gate in where the water line enters the cemetery.

Randy noted we have a right of way by the post office, there is a fence and gate there.

Years ago there was a ditch all along Park Street in front of the cemetery fence, now there is a culvert so cars can park outside the cemetery, however once the newer section is used for burials digging equipment will need access through the new gate.

Website: established in 2011 continues to be updated by Randy.

Go Daddy has been having issues for the past two years and hope to get it corrected in 2023.

www.underhillcemetery.com

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 or 2 cremation burials.

We are up to date in receiving cornerstones.

The price for 2023 will be \$840 per grave plus \$400 for cornerstones.

We are in line with other cemeteries.

Others that are less expensive are supported by their town whereas we are not.

Vermont Cemetery Association:

There has not been a meeting for the last 3 years due to Covid. Hoping there is one in 2023.

Green burials - VT passed a law a few years ago that allows for green burials that the body does not need to be embalmed or cremated.

Our cemetery requires body burials be in a casket and a concrete vault to be buried otherwise it increases the cost of maintenance as the graves cave in or animals dig them up.

Cremations can be in an urn, they don't have to be in a vault.

We also recommend a stone so ancestors can know what happened to that person.

Check out findagrave.com

Randy talked about a man from Georgia looking for his great great great grandfather, and located him in the North Underhill cemetery.

Mr. Udney Hay, who was staying with the Brown family (the first family to live in Jericho) he escaped by jumping out of a window when the family was taken by the native Americans.

Sign: The Trustees are looking into the cost of replacing our sign as it is showing some signs of wear.

They are concerned about the dead trees at the back of the cemetery on the river road side, near the A frame house (on the Quinn residence). Also the pine trees near the Richmond property, but on the cemetery's property.

Marc motioned to approve the Trustee's report. Judy seconded. All unanimously accepted.

1e. Sexton's Report

The Report was presented by Randy, which covers Jan. 2022- Dec. 2022

Sold 5 graves. People used to buy more than one, for the whole family. Now people only buy what is necessary.

Also due to the expense, and not necessarily needed.

We had 14 burials (see the Sextons Report for detailed listing): 11 cremations, 3 full burials. The most we've had in one year. Obituaries are included in the report for each person.

Marc motioned to accept the Sexton's Report. Tom seconded. Unanimously approved.

2. Old Business

Mowing; Fence Painting; Website; 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 term?

Judy, Tom, Craig, Lynne, Randy, and Dave Williamson agreed, yes.

President: Judy Boardman Term Expires 2024

Vice President: Craig Walker Term Expires 2024

Secretary: Lynne Kemp Term Expires 2024

Treasurer: Tom Feters Term Expires 2024

Trustee: Scott Tower Term Expires 2025

Randy Clark Term Expires 2026

Mary Martelle Term Expires 2024

Auditor: Marc Maheux Term Expires 2024

Harland Blodgett Term Expires 2025

David Williamson Term Expires 2026

Marc motioned to elect all the officers, for the whole slate. Lynne seconded. Judy opened for discussion. All

approved.

4. New Business

President Judy Boardman inquired about any new business.

Randy asked our guests if they would like to present their information about green burials.

Essie presented that it's an up and coming thing but it's actually the old way of doing things.

Anyone can be buried on their own property as long as it's the right distance from water, road, electric lines, etc.

You can take care of it yourself on your own property. Some states have statutes that you have to follow like 3.5 feet depth, as that is where all the microbes are.

The decomposition happens faster there. It's deep enough that there is a smell barrier so that animals won't dig it up.

The concept is simple, no vault, no embalming, nothing toxic, just natural materials.

Some people weave willow caskets or you could be buried in a shroud made of natural materials. Like Llama felted wool.

They have started a little (Green Burial) task force in town and have had quite a number of people respond to the survey of 300 people and 95% preferred a green burial if it was available, to cremation or a customary burial.

Home burials - only be buried on your property if they are your family member.

Most people expressed being interested in a hybrid cemetery or conservation cemetery as some people don't have their own property to be buried on.

Scott asked about registering with the town. Essie said you do have to get it approved, in the sense that the town needs to know where it is. The town could put a right of way to that area since it would be considered a burial ground. It can be a right of way across your land.

We discussed it would have to be registered with the town, on the deed, etc., so that relatives can visit the site if they like, which is why the right of way may be required.

A marker isn't required but you can have one.

Essie spoke with Pat at Greenmount cemetery, and they have gone hybrid with that cemetery so part allows green burials.

You have to get permission from the Cemetery if you want a green burial in the cemetery.

But it's up to the cemetery if they want to allow green burials.

Randy discussed that's why we don't allow it so that the ground doesn't become depressed and we're liable for people getting injured.

Essie expressed that there would be an advantage to finding out more about it.

People who have gone hybrid are getting good 'business' and people have been happy with it.

The advantage of a cemetery is where they have the infrastructure.

In our cemetery, you can put the urn in a bronze box.

Essie noted that cremations are high in sodium and high in ph so nothing could grow above it.

5. To transact any other business thought proper.

Mary brought up the quote on the sign for our cemetery.

Randy noted \$350 or less. Kershner Sign

Put vinyl over the post. (cost on that?)

Its vinyl applique on aluminum. We would buy the posts.

Mary \$350. Wood and Painted.

This decision will be made by the trustees.

Marc motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Craig seconded.

8:55 pm, President Judy Boardman closed the meeting.

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Kemp

Lynne Kemp

**WARNING 2024 ANNUAL MEETING
UNDERHILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

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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 2024
Vice President:	Craig Walker	Term Expires 2024
Secretary:	Lynne Kemp	Term Expires 2024
Treasurer:	*Tom Feters	Term Expires 2024
Trustee:	Scott Tower	Term Expires 2025
	Randy Clark	Term Expires 2026
	Mary Martelle	Term Expires 2024
Auditor:	Harlan Blodgett	Term Expires 2025
	David Williamson	Term Expires 2026
	Marc Maheux	Term Expires 2024

New Business

To transact any other business thought proper

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Kemp

Lynne Kemp, Secretary

*Tom Feters resigned in August of 2023, Trustee Randy Clark assumed the Treasurer position until this meeting

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.