

## Vershire Cemetery Trustee Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2023 Town Center

The meeting came to order at 2:02. Present Peggy (Margaret) Darrow, Eleanor Zue. Absent Rita French

Memorial Day: We placed new flags on veteran graves in all three cemeteries. Aaron Hoopes cleared the fallen tree limb in the Village cemetery and Green Mountain Mowing mowed all three cemeteries. We received the rest of the flag order, so we have enough flags for next year. Peggy is storing them. We have donated used flags in good condition to Steve Ward for the Fire Department. Used flags in poor condition we recycled at Nelson's Hardware in Barre.

### Village Cemetery:

Burial: Nick Wickman, from a funeral home in Barre, inquired about a casket burial in the Village Cemetery for Joanne L. Fuller. There is a double burial plot # 258 in the names of Frederick E. Fuller, born 1907 died 1997 and Joanne L. born 1957. Rita has been in touch with Billy Hodge who digs graves for us. We will pass his phone number to Mr. Wickman so that they can arrange the burial. We will visit the cemetery after the meeting to locate the plot and mark it with tape for that it can be found again easily.

Trees: Eleanor talked to Bill Murphy about felling trees in Village Cemetery. It was a big limb from one of these that fell, breaking some grave stones here. (see below) Peggy emailed him about trees in the Center cemetery. He hasn't gotten back to us--we need to follow up.

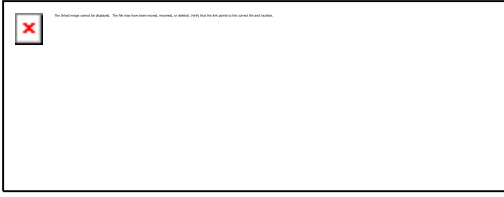
Broken grave stones: At the bottom end of the old part of the cemetery, in a recent storm, a big dead tree limb fell, damaging 3 grave stones: #74 infant daughter] of John & Susan [Church?], broken; #75 Sarah G Sawyer, knocked askew on its base; #76 Etalus Sawyer, broken. When Green Valley Memorials comes to restore graves in the Catholic cemetery, they will take a look at these graves and give us an estimate for the work to restore them if possible.

### Catholic cemetery.

Steve Ducey from Green Valley Memorials met Peggy at the Catholic cemetery on June 2 to evaluate what needs to be done. Here is the damage: grave stone #14 Thomas Nagel, needs to be leveled and set in concrete; #16 James, needs to be leveled; 3 stones, #s 1. Isabella Foley, 2. Mary Murphy, and 4. Katie M. Montgomery, all need resetting and epoxying; #s 5. Mary Doyle and 7. Florence & Frank Bouskey need to be releveled. The cost of this work comes to \$925, so it can be paid for by the special grant of \$1000 that the town voted last year for this restoration. Allen Rowell, who owns the property of the Catholic cemetery has confirmed his verbal permission with an email. We voted unanimously to accept Green Valley Memorials do this work.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday July 6 at 2PM in the Town Center  
The meeting adjourned at 3 PM

Respectfully submitted



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Vershire Cemetery Trustee