

**Joint Meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Board &
Friends of Milton, VT Cemeteries
January 29, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees: Jim Ballard, Bev. Hayden, John Mayville,
Pete Staniels, Karen Brigham, Jay Nadeau,
Sally Ryan, Bill Kaigle**

1. Jim gave a review of the origin and purpose of the Advisory Board and the creation of the Friends.
 2. Peter shared aspects of his position as Cemetery Caretaker and ideas for projects.
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1. There was a concern about contributions through the Go Fund Me, for the stone fence to 'Friends' being misplaced. A computer glitch and has been remedied. Thanks to Bill Kaigle for the, Checkerberry, Plains, West Milton and for the Miltonboro Cemeteries.

Peter -State of the Cemeteries:

Milton Boro: Repair of front gate-still in planning process. It was noted, that the cemetery owned a section of land on the North side measuring 130' X 135' currently planted with corn by Donny Richards. Pete agreed to contact Mr. Richards about our using a 25' section next to stone wall for vehicle access. This would allow Mr. Richards the use of the remaining. Also, Pete will ask Mr. Richards permission for vehicle access around the back corner wall where there is a ?wire fence wide enough for access of funeral personnel.

Old West Milton: Needs cleanup. Bill Kaigle has volunteered his Boy Scout troop to help 'Friends' in this effort. A date will be forthcoming. A question was asked about implanting stakes at the entrance with a rope/chain. Still being worked. 15 to 20 stones remaining.

Crown: Bill Kaigle has offered to make a new sign. Georgia has graciously been mowing and cleaning this cemetery.

Marrs: Is in very good condition but should be looked at before our next meeting. John Mayville mentioned there may be some 'Green Mountain

Boys' buried there. Maybe something to look into.

Checkerberry: The board fencing needs to be cleaned, painted and remounted. Also a large dead locust needs to be removed (Town??).

Austin: Needs cleaning/trimming. Planning to find the best location for a path/walkway. Suggestions: dress ground upon agreed site, add gravel, level 'steps' and add a hand rail (material to be decided).

Projects in works and new projects:

Under planning: Separate site for data base with access to aerial photos & Lot markers; with links to the new cemetery sign boards (to be built) and I phones. Pete has map of where 'markers' are to be placed, John to help. Holland is supplier of spikes.

Proposed 'sign boards' for all cemeteries beginning with the Town. Voted, Seconded --- proceed with plan.

Best cleaning products for stone were discussed. Pete and John coordinating.

A request for a directory of volunteers and supporters.

Also agreed upon, trimming all over grown trees and eliminating all shrubs. Town has responsibly to remove dead/dying trees.

Discussed: requesting Town to place a \$ line item in next budget for 'Upkeep of Cemeteries'. ??To cover anything over/above mowing and repairs, such as tree trimming and removal?? ??Profession care??

Karen Brigham has designed a 'thank you' card to be sent to donors upon receipt of donations. ?Karen to be reimbursed for her expenses.

John Mayville would like the Town to show saved funds, the cost of cemetery and where the funds come from. It was agreed to seek such information.

Contacting area businesses about displaying copies of 'Friends' 'Tri fold':

Suggestions. Jim printed 50 for Minors and 50 for the Municipal Building.

Georgia Library

Miner Funereal Home – has copies

United Church of Milton

St Ann's Church of Milton

Town Offices – have copies, need to display.

Who is coordinating? Jim has so far

Jim 11/21/22