

# RJC Cemetery Committee Report June 20, 2023

## Summary

**Monthly Inspection** reports are found on the RJC website in the members-only section under Committee Notes/Reports in the Cemetery files.

1. **Grounds** —are looking good. June 4 Cleanup—Was Awesome. Guided by Tom Giffin, the Vermont Cemetery Commissioner and VOCA President, 22 Volunteers showed up to Reset Footstones, and clean headstones after the fire. The new section is finished, and the grass is already growing.

**Volunteer Angels are:**

**Tom Giffin, Barry Cohen, Carolyn Devlin, Jennie Gartner, Steve Hochberg, Scott Hertzberg, Michael Dick, Jake Sherman, Tom Cohen, Lois Steinberg, Andy Stern, Mary & Marty Wasserman, Martha & Ted Molnar, Sabra & Dave Shulman, Chris & Jude Louras, and Shelley, and Harvey Zara.**

2. **Roads** — The road and turnaround in the new section has been completed. The roads have held up well overall.
3. **Burial Sites** —The new section is being mapped out and will be ready to sell soon.
4. **Monuments** — **Most of the footstones were reset.** Most of the Headstones were cleaned. There are still a few remaining headstones that do need to be cleaned. **Please contact me** if you wish to clean your families' headstones: I have the proper solution to use[D2] and am happy to provide some with **instruction on how to properly clean headstones.**
5. **Flagpole** — Repair is still under investigation.

## Current:

1. **The mapping** of the new cemetery grounds is being worked on now. We hope to begin selling plots soon,
2. **Many headstones** are still in need of cleaning, if anyone is interested in helping with that, please let me know. There are instructions available on how to do that correctly and I can provide the proper solution for anyone to use. Here is a [link](#) providing more information. Anyone wishing to assist in this endeavor is welcome. Please contact Mj @ 802-236-4387.
3. **I continue to search for obituaries, death certificates, etc. for our records.** With the increase in genealogical research this past year, it has highlighted the need to document what we know. Anyone wishing to assist in this endeavor is welcome. Please contact Mj.

## Future Work:

1. **Phased Expansion**—we will determine planned improvements to be carried out and implemented in phases. Your continued support is needed.
2. **Update of Fees and Policies**—Our Fee Schedule and Cemetery Policies, as well as the process for Gravesite Reservations need to be updated. Currently, individuals may reserve a plot for \$50.00 and hold onto that reservation for **many years before actually purchasing** them. Most of the reservations are over 25 years old. This is not a sustainable practice. We need to update our polices.
3. **Records**—updating and digitizing our records remain a primary focus. All known **Yahrzeits** are on the RJC website in the **Members Only** section. Contact Mj if you need a new login. If you have loved ones buried in our cemetery, please send the obituaries, photos and memories to Mj.