

CEMETERY COMMISSION

As authorized by a vote at the 2010 town meeting, the board of selectmen contracted with Wright-Pierce of Portsmouth to provide Pembroke with easily revised digital plans for each cemetery. The new plans use geographic information system (GIS) software, and can eventually be integrated with layered geographical information collected for the entire town. The project was funded from capital reserve funds and did not affect the town tax rate.

The Commission welcomed Roland H. Young, Jr., as a new member.

The Commission gratefully acknowledges the exemplary service of Victor J. Ranfos, Jr., the representative of the Public Works Department to the Cemetery Commission. Mr. Ranfos provided leadership and crucial cleanup and repairs when a windstorm in late February 2010 toppled many trees in Pembroke Street and Evergreen Cemeteries, damaging some monuments and cemetery walls. He and his crew cleaned, loamed, and seeded the northeast corner of Buck Street Cemetery to prepare for future lot sales. He provided liaison during the cemetery mapping project, ensuring that current data was integrated into the new plans. The Commission appreciates Mr. Ranfos' initiative and commitment.

The Commission will replace flags on veterans' graves before Memorial Day, May 30, 2011, and will appreciate knowing of any veteran's grave that is not currently being marked with a flag.

The Commission solicits contributions or bequests to the Cemetery Improvement Fund, administered by the Trustees of Trust Funds. Enlargement of the fund through gifts will provide an endowment for cemetery upkeep and improvement. Gifts or bequests should be made care of the Pembroke Trustees of Trust Funds and designated for the Cemetery Improvement Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

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James Garvin, Secretary

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James Boisvert, Director of Public Works and Superintendent of
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