THE

CREATION OF THE

SANBORNTON

TOWN PUBLIC CEMETERY

June 22nd 2005 - September 22nd 2005

(and beyond)

Peter Hibberd

Sanbornton - Creating History

The Town of Sanbornton, New Hampshire was Granted in 1748 and Incorporated in 1770. There was a small Burial Ground in the mid- 1770s called Central Cemetery, but was mainly on granite ledge so was abandoned.

From that time either Private Burial Grounds or Church controlled Cemeteries were the way to go, especially as travel was limited to use one central location. Therefore, to meet State of New Hampshire Mandate (non-funded of course), the Town was required to have a Public Cemetery of their own.

Historian, Milly Blaisdale/Sanborn/ Shaw had a personal wish that a Public Cemetery be created in Sanbornton during her lifetime.

On May 26th 2005, Mr. Guy Giunta, who at the time was the Selectmen's Representative on the Cemetery Committee, attended the Cemetery Committee meeting, bringing with him a request from the Board of Selectmen for the Cemetery Committee to assist the Selectmen in finding a suitable location for the future Town of Sanbornton Public Cemetery.

The Cemetery Committee at that time consisted of five members:

Peter Hibberd ---- Committee Chairman
Mildred Shaw ---- The Town Historian
Bob Bodwell ---- Whose family had been in Town many years.
Sally Hibberd ---- Trustee of Burial Grounds
Guy Giunta ---- Board of Selectmen

Following the formation of the Cemetery Committee in about 1994, they had decided to try to find all the original Burial Grounds in the Olde Town of Sanbornton; List all those buried in those Burial Grounds. Peter created a computer file and cross referenced all the names found with "Runnel's-- History of Sanbornton" which also showed the parents and spouse of each burial. (That file some ten years later, consists of over 4,000 names and is accessible for viewing on the Sanbornton Historical Society website.)

The Committee immediately set about this new and welcomed task, and Peter had brought with him copies of Town maps upon which he had highlighted all the land currently owned by the Town of Sanbornton. Within 30 minutes, the committee had selected three potential sites for the project. A tour of the sites was set up for Memorial Day, May 30th, 2005 and a short set of parameters was listed so that each site could be rated against each other.

The three sites, using land that was at least three acres were:

1) Adjacent to the Town Recreation area and Recycling Center.
2) On Eastman Hill Road
3) On Tower Hill Road between Range Road and Rufus Colby Road.

A major criteria of course was to create the Cemetery with no expense to the residents, as no money was in that year's budget. Access Roads; soil depth and type; availability of rocks for walls, and scenic location, and other items, were other considerations. There was NO State or Town Law which restricted soil type or depth. On the tour we had a member of the State Department of Transportation to guide us for access to each site. One turned out to require expensive bridge work to get over streams etc to reach it.

The Committee gathered after touring all three sites and decided to recommend site three as "far and away" more preferable than the others.

Peter then started to set about laying out site plans, measurements, and a tentative schedule, in as much detail as possible. If the various Boards and Commissions gave approval and support, we were in a position to move fast to begin the project as the Selectmen wanted something ready for burials in 2005, which meant by the end of September before bad weather moved in.

Peter put together a presentation package and submitted it to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting which was on June 8th 2005. All the Cemetery Committee members were in attendance and the Selectmen were Patsy Wells - Chairperson; Guy Giunta and Andrew Livernois. The

recommendations were unanimously and enthusiastically approved by the Board.

The next evening, June 9th, the presentation was made to the Conservation Commission. That Commission was the designated managers of the twelve acre plot, of which the recommendation was to use only three (3) acres of that for the Cemetery. Actually, that three acres was three of the four acres that had been owned and used by The Sanbornton Agricultural and Mechanical Society as the "Fairgrounds". The Society owned the land from 1882, and approved the sale of the total twelve acres to the Town of Sanbornton on November 26th 1940. It was not until November 24th 1962 that the papers were actually signed to make it Town land. The president of the Society was Joseph C. Bodwell, a relation of the current Cemetery Committee member, Bob Bodwell.

The Conservation Commission under Chairman Wayne Elliott, unanimously approved the plans and agreed to "*designate three (3) acres of the twelve acre lot for the use by the Town as a Public cemetery.*"

Copies of the Plans were made available to the Planning Board through Selectmen Andrew Livernois and Guy Giunta, but the Chairman stated that as it was Town property, there was no reason for the Planning Board to be involved.

At this point the Cemetery Committee had completed their task of finding a suitable location for the Town Public Cemetery, and handed the project back to the Selectmen to continue with it.

Peter Hibberd had already started to set flags around the perimeter of the proposed site, so that the Conservation Commission would have a guide when they found a Logger to clear the site of trees and saplings etc. Flagging was quite difficult in the dense undergrowth, following rainstorms, followed by high humidity and bugs. The use of a chain saw to clear a path helped. Potential entrances from Rufus Colby Road and Tower Hill Road were also marked after conferring with the Town's Highway Department, and the Town's Tree Warden (Faith Tobin).

Peter had already contacted the State of New Hampshire's Attorney General's Office to ensure that there would be no violations in using the

land, or opening gaps in the rock walls, so every aspect was covered and approved, before moving ahead.

The Selectmen set a Public hearing for June 22nd 2005, although by Law it was not necessary to have one but they wanted to be totally open with the residents. Peter put together a package with drawings and information as well as charts and statistics on flip-chart paper for the presentation. Each person who attended was given a copy of the package in case s(he) could not hear the presentation, so that they could follow it. All attendees were enthusiastic about the project.

Peter, (66), volunteered his time and committed to gather volunteers to clear the site, and have grave sites ready by the end of September, 2005. The attendees accepted Peter as Project Manager for the Cemetery. This was a very ambitious schedule, but Peter felt that it was possible. This project required that he would spend full time to make it happen.

ALL WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS.

Bill & Faith Tobin of Hemlock Falls Construction offered their equipment to dig up the tree roots. Peter met with Wayne Elliott and John Dodge of the Conservation Commission to ask for them to negotiate with Loggers to make it happen to meet his schedule. He also started to "round up " any others who would volunteer time, equipment or money, for the project.

In addition to getting the site ready, many other aspects were required to be covered, such as writing the Rules and Regulation; Deciding on Pricing; as well as the layout of the Cemetery and gardens. The Town of Bow, New Hampshire was very forthcoming with their information to assist.

Peter encouraged people to meet at the Town Hall and attendees were split into three groups to decide on the above mentioned three areas. Peter had outlined some Rules and Regulations as well as Pricing from other towns, to be used by the groups. The Groups completed these difficult tasks mostly in one night, with a review a week later, and Peter took those

decisions to type them into agreed guidelines for the Cemetery. The third Group also laid out the plans for the Memorial Gardens to be located at the North entrance.

The Logger, J.S.Stankatis of Northfield, started to clear the site in July, with a crew of John Stankatis, Rodney Dion, Billy Glass and Bill Brailey. Bob Bodwell, who owned a large piece of land opposite to the North entrance, offered about an acre for the "staging area" for the logger. The total clearing of the site was completed in only six and a half days.

Hemlock Falls Construction; (Bill and Faith Tobin, their daughter Jennifer and Jeremy Perkins) brought their excavator to start removing the stumps on July 23rd and 24th, 2005. This proved difficult with some stumps that were intertwined with others, being too heavy for the small excavator. Jeremy took it upon himself to find a large excavator and obtained a large one from Beauregard of Concord, as well as getting fuel donated by A.D.& G. Fuels of Franklin. The destumping was completed the next weekend of July 30th and 31st. Jeremy and the Tobins played a major role in keeping the goal in site for Peter. Jeremy had also negotiated with Beck and Balluci for the use of their flatbed to transport the larger unit to and from the site.

As much as possible, during all this, Peter was busy re-building the rock walls that had been damaged by removing the stumps, as well as the two entrances that Jeremy had created in the walls. Also the boundary flags were adjusted many times during this period as the site became cleared and measurements became easier.

The next task was to remove the piles of stumps from the site to Bob Bodwell's land. This was accomplished by Steve Johnston, who is also a logger and has a gravel business in Town. Steve fitted a large 40 - 50 ton front-end loader with a rake attachment which made short work of this massive task. He tumbled the stumps off the site so that the dirt would be left on site, and back-raked the whole three acres in just a couple of days work, spread over a couple of weeks, whilst taking care of his own busy schedule in between. A great effort by Steve also.

Our local farmer, David Swain, suggested that we mix in wood-ash, a non-toxic fertilizer, to the soil before seeding with grass seed. Peter contacted Charles Hansen and Dennis O'Neil of Resource Management of

Ashland, NH. Resource management donated this product for our project, and delivered a large amount of this later in the year on November 5th 2005.

With the land cleared of stumps, the process of removing all the smaller logs and branches began. This required many hours of raking by hand by Milly Shaw and Peter, and also with York rakes on the back of both Peter and Jon Sanborn's tractors. Concentration was on the area which was to be the first four Blocks of graves closest to the North entrance covering about 150 ft by 210 ft. This was with the goal of having graves available by the end of September.

Peter was also continuing to re-build the rock walls and creating the outlines of the Memorial Gardens using very large and heavy rocks, some of which had been dug up during the clearing process. He got a flag-pole and flag donated by Lucky Lenny's Hardware of Tilton and Franklin, and concreted the pole at a site within the Memorial Garden.

Our Flag was flying over the site by mid-September, 2005.

During all this, the winding pathway through the Gardens, was marked out and Peter dug it out by hand , placing weed-barrier fabric in it and filling in with stone dust to make it more solid. Mark Latham rented a compressor to stamp down the stone dust.

More hand raking by more volunteers, including Milly who just kept at it, enabled the first ten grave sites to be marked out and ready for use by September 22nd, 2005, exactly three months to the day from the Public Hearing. **GRAVES WERE READY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.**

At this time, about $25,000 of work was completed by about thirty great volunteers at no cost to the residents. Peter Hibberd's involvement was over at this stage, and the Selectmen had their Cemetery to Dedicate.

In early October, Peter and Guy Giunta dug the trench for the electrical conduit from the electric pole to the position of where the shed would be built. Guy used his backhoe for the 25 ft long trench. Peter had pre-fabricated the shed in his garage, and brought it to site and erected it next to the trench. Then came the rain and Peter had to bale out the trench three times before it was dry enough for the Master Electrician, Andrew

Sanborn, to put in the conduit. Andy also negotiated with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative Inc., to have them run the cable, install the meter to bring power to the shed and site. Andy's efforts were greatly appreciated, now we wait for the well to be drilled by Daniel's Artesian Wells who donated a large portion of the cost to the efforts. The Well was drilled in April/May 2006. The actual Town portion of the cost of the Well was voted on at the March 2006 Town meeting.

There was some money in the Public Cemetery Account and Mark Latham organized a fun-raiser at Steele Hill Resort, to raise more money. This was held in 2006 raising a great deal of additional funds for the Cemetery Accounts. Peter talked with the Attorney general's Office again, and they confirmed that "all moneies donated to or raised for the Sanbornton Public Cemetery, "**can only be spent at that specific cemetery and at no other location".** This was to stop thoughts of using some of those funds elsewhere.

Also it was determined that **"only Cemetery Trustees, voted in by the residents at an annual Town voting session"** are authorized to expend money from any of the Cemetery Accounts, and not even Selectmen. Selectmen would be authorized only after they called a Special Meeting and then waited 90 days before doing so. As the annual elections were only a few weeks away, it was decided to vote in Trustees at that time.

After they are voted in, they must approve the Rules, Regulations and Pricing that was put together in June 2005, before those documents could be used. The Selectmen disbanded the Cemetery Committee, who had done such a tremendous job for the Town over the past twelve years since its formation, and waited for the new Trustees to be voted in.

All residents of the Town should be grateful for the effort that all the volunteers put in for their Town, and by March of 2006, since the start of the Project, over $30,000 of work (including donations) had been done at the Public Cemetery site, at NO cost to the taxpayers. Peter's hope was that future Trustees would treat the Cemetery as self-supporting by volunteers and donations, but that is in the hands of Trustees now.

The

Creation

Of the

Sanbornton Public

Cemetery

Five Years Gone By: 2010

Cemetery Trustees 2010:

Guy Giunta
Mildred Shaw
Mark Latham

Started: June 22nd 2005.

Ready for Burials: Sept. 2005

First Burial: June 8th 2008

Dedication: Memorial Day 2009

Photos By: Peter Hibberd

Book Created by: Peter Hibberd

May 30th 2005

This Was The Density of The

Bushes and Trees When

It Was Toured On

This Date

Tour was by the Cemetery Committee:

Peter Hibberd - Committee Chairman

Mildred Shaw - Town Historian

Sally Hibberd - Town Trustee of Burial Grounds

Robert "Bob" Bodwell

Guy Giunta - Selectmen's Representative

The Site Work Continues.

June 14th, 2005: Where Do I Begin ?

June 14th, 2005: Try Here At The Entrance, I Guess

June 14th, 2005: Cut A Few Trees, Then Start Moving Rocks

June 14th, 2005: These Rocks Are Heavy After A Couple Of Tons.

June 14th, 2005: Corner Of Tower Hill & Rufus Colby Roads.

June 14th, 2005: Rufus Colby Road - Cemetery Entrance On Right

June 22nd, 2005

Selectmen's Public Hearing

Presentation by Peter Hibberd

Peter had already checked out:

1. Every pertaining State RSA that applied to a Town Cemetery
2. Checked with Attorney general's Office to make sure.
3. Checked with Town Planner about the soil - no issues.
4. Town Planner agreed that Test Pits were NOT required
5. Bill Tobin had dug Test Pits anyway-totally dry to six feet down
6. Checked with Town's Tree Warden and Highway Department.
7. As Tower Hill Road is a Scenic Road, no trees can be cut outside of Cemetery Site on the roadside verge - OK.
8. Confirmed with the State Attorney general's Office that the 50 ft setback from road is NOT an issue as Tower Hill Road is NOT a State Highway.
9. Checked the Deed for the site to show that there were no restrictions in it against the site's use as a Cemetery.- none
10. There is a right-of-access for the Power Company - non-issue.

June 22nd, 2005

Peter Hibberd

Provides An Overview Of The Town Public Cemetery

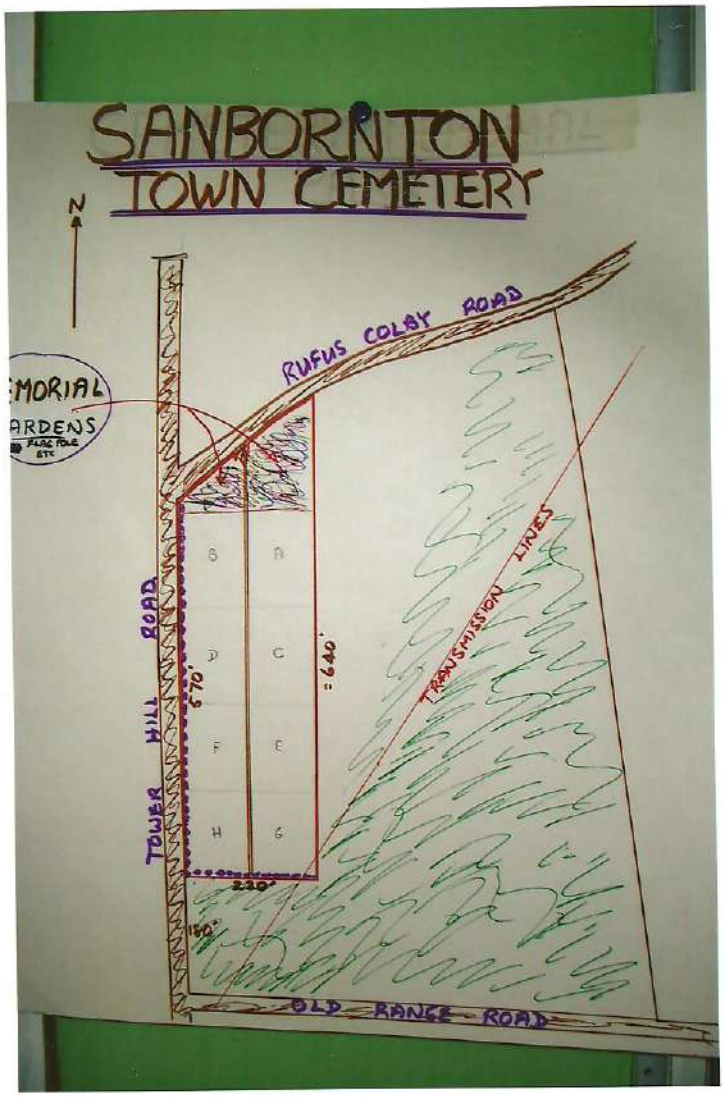
Project To The Selectmen

And To Attending Residents.

The Selectmen had Already Approved The Project Site
On June 8th, 2005 At The Selectmen's Meeting.

June 22nd, 2005

Site Overview



The Site Overview Is Shown By Peter To The Attendees

Later It Was Decided In The Group Meetings On June 30th

To Have Only One Memorial Garden.

June 22nd, 2005: Interested Residents Listening Intently.

Selectmen, Andrew Livernois; Guy Giunta; Patsy Wells

DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, PETER WAS BUSY WITH MANY ISSUES THAT WERE REQUIRED. THESE INCLUDED:

1. **Marking out the Approximate Boundaries of the Site**
   This was particularly difficult as it was one of the wettest years for the area, and the dense bushes and undergrowth required a chain- saw to cut just a path through it.
   In addition, it was muggy and black flies and mosquitoes were happily feeding of him.

2, **Contacting Other Towns, Particularly Bow, NH. For input of Suggestions for Rules, Regulations and Pricing For Grave Plots.**

3. **Organize a meeting of Volunteers at the Town Hall, for June 30th That would complete that task of:**

   A) **Defining the Rules and Regulations for the Cemetery.**

   B) **Define the Pricing for the Plots**

   C) **Draw a Plan of the Memorial Gardens.**

4. **Continue to update the Attorney General's Office of our progress and intentions.**

5. **Type up suggested Rules, Regulations and Pricing for our Town cemetery to be reviewed, changed and finalized at the Town hall Meetings.**

6. **Continue to move rocks manually at the Entrance of the Cemetery.**

7. **Start to organize the volunteers necessary for the project to be completed by the end of September, 2005.**

8. **Meet with the Conservation Commission, who, as managers of the 12 acre site (of which three acres were dedicated by them for use as our Cemetery), were the ones to find a Logger to clear it as soon as possible.**

Back To The Site

June, 2005: Marking Out The Boundaries

June, 2005: East To West Boundary-South End

June 30th, 2005

Group Meeting at the Town Hall

Three Groups to Cover:

-- Rules and Regulations
-- Pricing
-- Memorial Garden

Work Groups Leader: Peter Hibberd

R & R Development: Mildred Shaw; Bob Bodwell; Jim Wells
Wayne Elliott; Bill Tobin; Elizabeth Merry

Pricing: Melanie Van Tassel; Judy Hamel; Don Bormes; Carmine & Anne Cioffi.

Memorial Garden: Faith Tobin; Sally Hibberd; Guy Giunta.

Planning Continues With Volunteers

June 30th, 2005: Town Hall Group Meeting

June 30th, 2005: Rules & Regulations Group

June 30th, 2005: Pricing Group.

June 30th, 2005: Memorial Garden Group.
The groups came back the next week to submit final suggestions.

July 8th, 2005
Farmer's Market

Sally Hibberd and Mildred "Milly" Shaw
With "Show & Tell" Boards, Which Were
Donated By Mark Latham.

July 14th, 2005

Clearing the Trees

The Next Major Issue

Was To get The Three Acres

Cleared of Trees, Bushes and Logs

That had Been Cut Down Over The Years

But Not Removed From The Site.

The Conservation Commission

Who Are The Designated Managers of the Site

Hired J.S. Logging of Northfield

(Jon Stankatis)

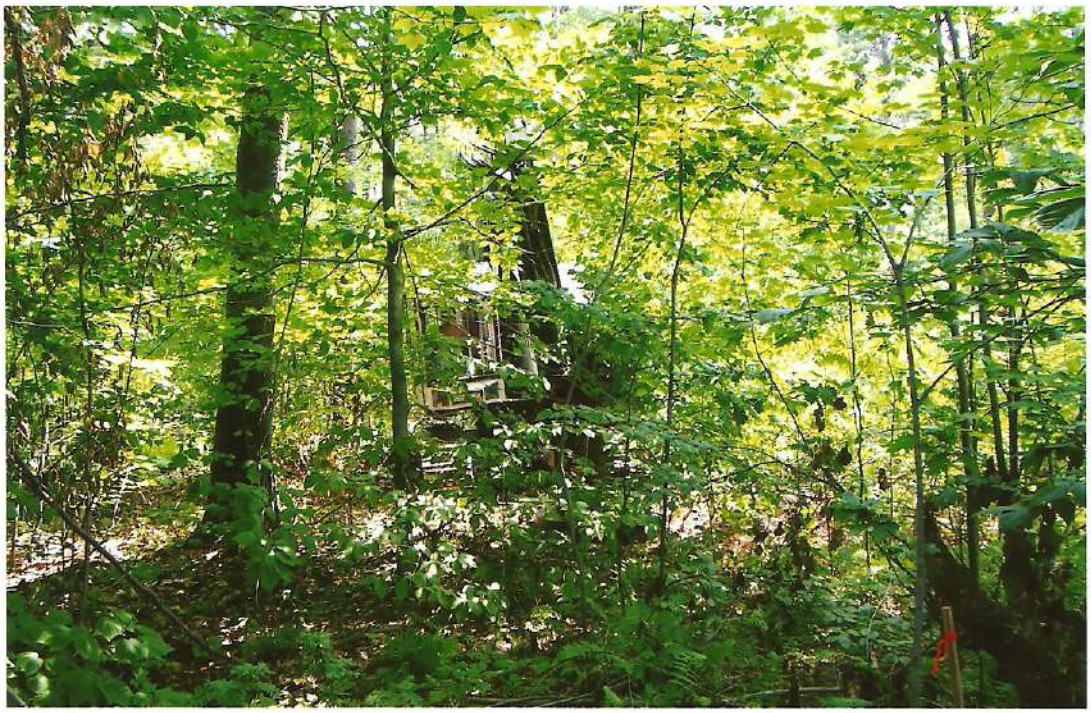
To Do This Task

They Started July 14th, 2005

They Finished July 22nd, 2005

July 14th, 2005
The Clearing Begins

July 14th, 2005: Logging Gets Underway



July 14th, 2005: Cutting the South End

July 15th, 2005: Second Day and Much Cleared

July 15th, 2005: Under The Power Lines.

July 15th, 2005: Setting Up On Bodwell's Landing

July 18th, 2005: Staging And Cutting On "Bodwell's Landing"

July 18th, 2005: Cutting And Chipping

July 18th, 2005: Jon Stankatis & Billy Glass
Not Many Trees To Go.

July 19th, 2005: Getting Excited Now.

July 20th, 2005: From Rufus Colby Road.

July 20th, 2005: From Tower Hill Road.

July 21st, 2005: The Last Trees Are Coming Down.

July 22nd, 2005: Logging Equipment Leaves The Site

July 22nd, 2005: One Month Of Exhausting Work Completed.

July 22nd, 2005

Digging Out The Stumps

One Month Gone By

Only Two and a Half Months

Before the End of September

And Peter's Promise To Have

At Least One Gravesite Ready For Burial

Still, Here Comes The Tobin Family

Bill Tobin

Faith Tobin

Jennifer Tobin

Jeremy Perkins

July 24th, 2005:

July 24th, 2005: The Stumps Are heavy

July 24th, 2005: At Least The Ground Is Dry.

July 31st, 2005: Beauregard of Concord Donates A Backhoe
A.D.& G. Fuels Of Franklin Donates Fuel
Jennifer And Jeremy Drive Mean Machines.

July 31st, 2005: Thanks To The Tobin Family - Piles Of Stumps

July, 2005: During The Stump Removal, Peter Hibberd Starts To Re-Build The Entrance Walls

August, 2005

Pushing The Stumps Away

After All The Stumps

Have Been Dug Out By

The Tobin Family,

The Next Step is to Remove

Them From The Site

Steve Johnston of Sanbornton

Repaired His Front-End Loader

To Get This Done for Us.

His 40 Ton Loader, Pushed The Stumps

To The Bodwell Landing

The Tumbling Of The Stumps Left Much Of The

Loose Dirt on the Site

Aug 22nd, 2005: Steve Johnston Pitching In

Aug 22nd, 2005: Dirty & Dusty Job For Steve.

Aug 22nd, 2005: Steve Pushing Another Pile Of Stumps.

Aug 22nd, 2005: Great Job By Steve Johnston

August 22nd 2005

Exactly Two Months Gone

39 Days To Go To Meet

The End of September Target

Peter is Getting a Better Feeling

Now About The Promise He made

Still a Great Deal of Hard Work To Go

August 22nd, 2005:

The Project Continues.

Aug 22nd, 2005: Thanks to the Bodwell's For Use Of Their Landing

Aug 22nd, 2005: Peter Continues to Build The Entrance

Aug 22nd, 2005: Peter Had To Get His Tractor To Move Some Rocks

Aug 23rd, 2005: Setting Out The Memorial Gardens.

Sept 9th, 2005: Memorial Garden Taking Shape

Sept 12th, 2005: Peter Sets The Flagpole Base
Donated By Lucky Lenny's Hardware of Franklin

Sept 12th, 2005: The Winding Path Through The Garden

Peter Hand-dug 6 " Of Dirt, Then The Path Was Lined With Weed-Barrier Fabric.

Then Finished Off With Black Fill and 4 " Of Stone-dust To Make A

Solid Base To Walk On, Or For Wheelchairs.

Sept 13th, 2005: Our Country's Flag Is Flying Over The Cemetery

Sep 13th, 2005: Starting To Look Great

September 15th, 2005

Sept 15th, 2005: The First Ten Plots Are Marked Out

The Goal Has Been Met
Ten Plots Marked Out On September 15th, 2005

Less Than Three Months After The June 22nd, 2005 Public Hearing.

Also The Whole Of Block "A" And "B" Could be Used If Necessary. A Total Of 200 Plots.

Project Handed Back To The Selectmen To Set Date For The Dedication

The Next Step Before The Winter Sets In Is To Get a Small Shed Built, Erected, and Get The Electrical Supply To The Shed.

Peter Had Pre-Built The Shed In His Garage

Out Of Donated Materials

And Transported It To The Site.

<u>ANDREW SANBORN</u>

Master Electrician, Donated Materials and

Time To Install The Panel and Contact The

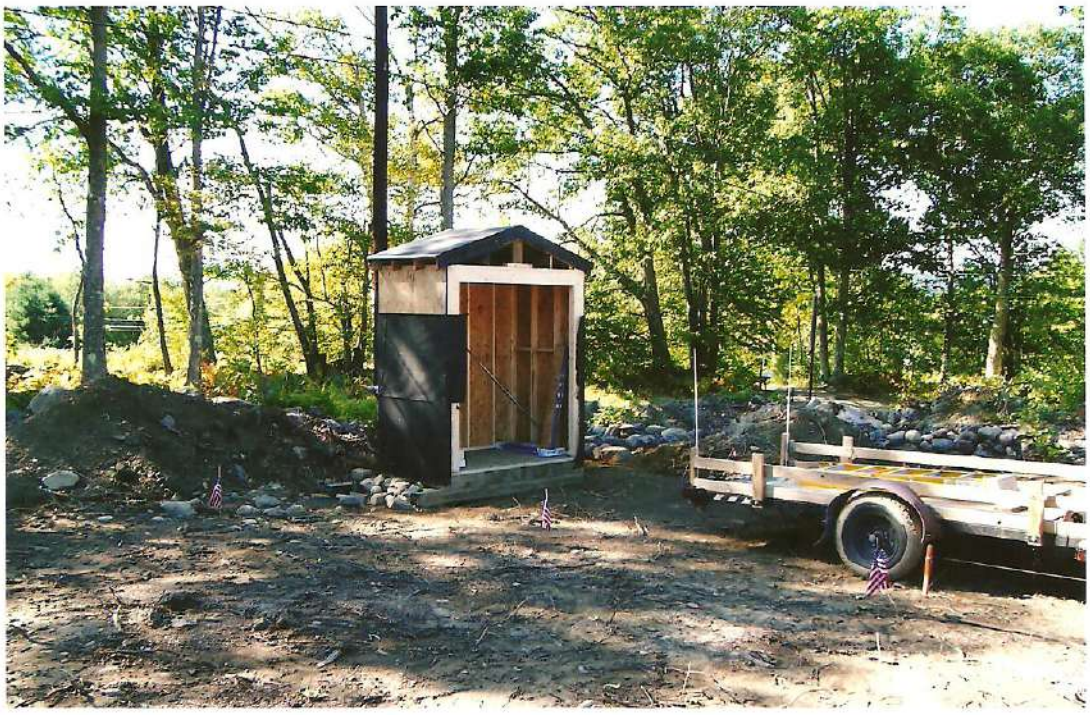
Electrical Supply Company To Install The

Power.

A Huge "Thank-You" To Andy

Sept 13th, 2005: Selectman Guy Giunta Begins To Dig The Trench For The Electrical Connection. Peter Is In The Trench. (Guy Was Very Tempted To Make Me The First Burial)

Sep 23rd, 2005: Peter Erects The Shed For The Electric Power & Water Tank & Controls.



October 3rd, 2005

Oct 3rd, 2005: The Conduit Is Installed By Andrew Sanborn Ready For The Electric Company To Run The Wires To The Meter Panel

Jan, 2006: Winter Is Setting In So No More Work Until Spring

A Computerized Overwiew Of The Finished Layout

The Next Major Event Was Organized

By Mark & Elizabeth Latham.
This Was a Fund-Raiser at
Steele Hill Resort On April 8th, 2006

Many Thanks To Bill Cutillo and his Staff at
Steele Hill Resort for a Wonderful Evening
Enjoyed by All

Thanks Also to Sue MacDonald, the Artist

and to

White Mountain Swing Band With our Own

Sean and Heather Goodwin of Sanbornton

Great Job by Mark and Elizabeth

I Have Too Many Photos of This Event To
Include Them All, so Will Put In Just a Few.

April 8th, 2006

Steele Hill Resort - Displays by Mark & Beth Latham

Waiting To Have A Great Evening

General View Of The Room

The Giunta Family - Tower Hill Farm

Some Of The Attendees - Including John & Malanie van Tassel

Ann With The Bormes

Susan MacDonald, The Artist And Her Husband

A Group Including Faith Tobin, Andy Sanborn, & Bill Tobin

Group including Danny Swain, John & Sheila Dodge

Group Including Patrice, Patsy, Greg, Linda and Julie

Group Including Yvonne Cote and Sally Hibberd

The White Mountain Swing Band - With Sean & Heather Goodwin

May, 2006

Stone-Dust Laid On Pathway & Ready To Concrete The Bench Base.
The Latham's Donated A Compactor For The Pathway

May, 2006

Milly's Bench

Mildred Blaisdell-Sanborn-Shaw On Her Bench

May 2006: Volunteer Work At The Memorial Garden Is Continuous

Jon Sanborn: A Very Active Volunteer

Mark Latham: Another very Active Volunteer

Milly And Two Of Her Sons

Guy On The Loader & Sally Hibberd & Karen Ober

May 2006
The Well Is Drilled

Daniels Artesian Wells Inc., Drop In

Good Advertising !

Drilling As Seen From Tower Hill Road

Jon Sanborn & Mark Latham Install The Granite Entrance Posts

Peter Hibberd & Jon Sanborn Install The Exit Granite Posts

The First Burial

June 6th, 2008: Guy Giunta And Guy III Dig The First Grave

Driver Guy Giunta, Peter & Guy III

June 8th, 2008

June 6th, 2008: The First Grave Is Dug

Notice That At Six feet, And After A Night-long Storm

It Is Very Dry

Notice The Orbs

June 7th, 2008: First Burial Complete With Temporary Cross

June 7th, 2008: A View Of The First Grave And The Memorial Garden

June 7th, 2008: Installing The Concrete Vault.

June 7th, 2008: Milly Shaw

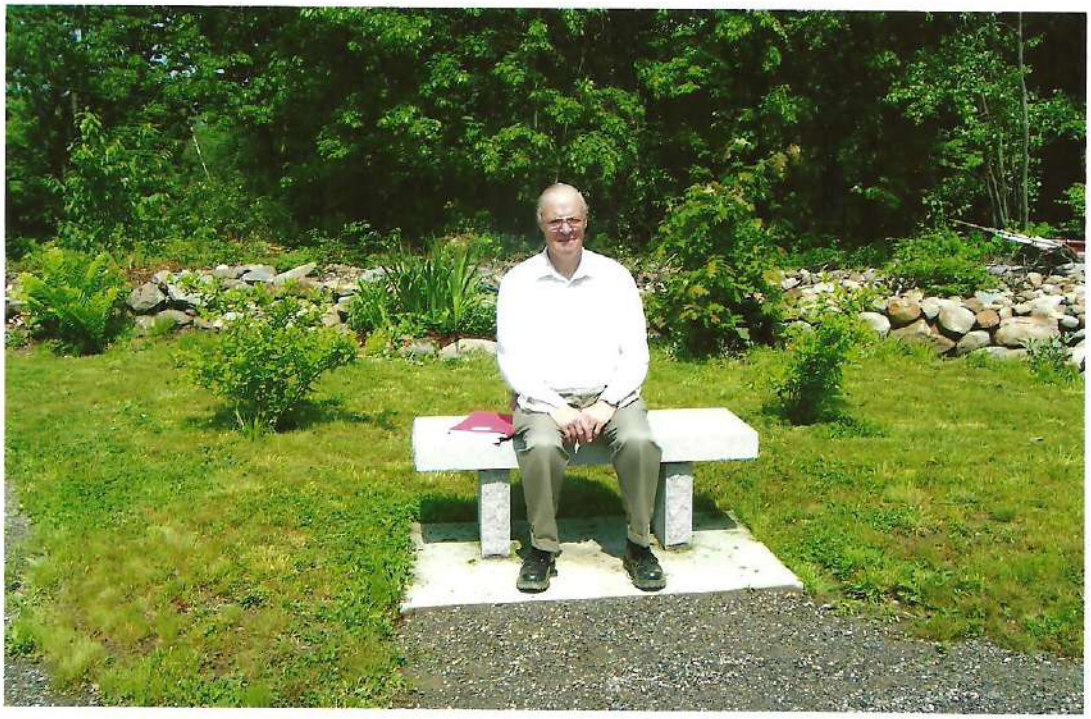
Aug, 2008: Putting In The Headstone Base

Aug, 2008: Digging For The Headstone Base.

Aug, 2008: Headstone Base Is Ready

Aug, 2008: Headstone Has Been Installed

Views Of The Memorial Gardens



June 7th, 2008: Peter Hibberd

June, 2008: Rufus Colby Road, Upgraded To Class 5

August, 2008

The Cemetery Is Levelled and Seeded

Aug, 2008: The Levelling Begins
Salmon Falls Is The Contractor

Aug, 2008: Levelling Continues-View from Gardens

Gardens Are Looking Perfect As Shrubs Grow

Gardens: Milly Shaw and Steve & Karen Ober's Granddaughter

Milly Shaw, Karen Ober and Granddaughter

Gardens Flowers Are Beautiful Now

Milly Shaw, Karen Ober & Granddaughter

The base Of The Flagpole, Showing Winding Path And Bench

It Was Memorial Weekend

In 2005, When The Cemetery Committee

Toured Three Sites to Determine if

Any of Them Would Be Suitable For The

Location of The First Sanbornton

Town Cemetery.

It was September 2005, When 100 Plots Were

Available if Required. And The Project

Handed Back To The Selectmen for an Early

Dedication

We are now

Gathered for That Dedication.

Project Leader, Peter Hibberd Gives A Briefing

We Were Honored With The Presence Of Many Military Heros Including Col. Bob Laflam & Col Raymond Beapre and Lt. Col, Kenneth Durgin

Selectman Steve Ober Reads the Proclaimation

The Sanbornton Boy Scouts Troop Raise The Flag

Bill Tobin And Steve Ober With The Flag That Was Presented To The Town Cemetery By Senator Deb Reynolds (Standing On Right)

The Flag Had Flown Over The State Capitol Building Prior To The Senator Receiving It For The Town

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The Town Of Sanbornton Owes All The Volunteers

A Debt Of Thanks For The Effort They Put Forth To

Reach This Tremendous Conclusion

October, 2010

Marking the Blocks and Road

October, 2010: Guy Giunta and Peter Hibberd Mark Out The Center Road Ready For The Contractor To Begin

General Shots Of The Cemetery

Shots Of The Roadway Position From The North Entrance and The South Exit

October 19th 2010
The Roadway Begins

Rines Paving Start At The Tower Hill Road Exit

Constant Rolling and Leveling is Carried Out

Laying The Top 6 inches of Hard-Top

Hard-Top Ready For Another Rolling & Edging

Digging The Remaining Stumps That Were Not Done in 2005

2006

Special Thanks To

Mildred Shaw

Bob Bodwell

List Of Volunteers - 2005

Chronology of Events - 2005

Special Thanks

Cemetery Trustee and Volunteer Bob Bodwell with Milly Shaw

Bob Bodwell with Peter.

Sanbornton Public Cemetery Project

List of volunteers - 2005

Board of Selectmen:		Patsy Wells; Guy Giunta; Andrew Libvernois
Cemetery Committee:		Peter Hibberd; Mildred Shaw; Bob Bodwell Sally Hibberd; Guy Giunta
Groups:	Gardens:	Faith Tobin; Sally Hibberd; Guy Giunta
	R & Regs:	Milly Shaw: Bob Bodwell; Jilm Wells; Wayne Elliott; Bill Tobin; Liz Merry.
	Pricing:	Melanie Van Tassel; Jude Hamel; Don Bormes Carmine & Anne Cioffi
Fund Raising:		Mark & Beth Latham -- Cadbury Woods farm
Loggers:		J.S.Logging - Jon Stankatis & Crew
De-Stump:		Bill & Faith Tobin; Jeremy Perkins & Jennifer of Hemlock Falls Construction
Excavator Loan:		Beauregard of Concord.
Flatbed Loas:		Berk & Balucci; Ralph Carter Construction
Fuel:		A.D.& G. Fuels of Franklin
Stump Moving:		Steve Johnston of Sanbornton
Fertilizing Materials:		Resource Management of Ashland
Trenching:		Guy Giunta; Peter Hibberd
Site Work:		Milly Shaw: Bob Bodwell; Guy Giunta; Sally Hibberd; Peter Hibberd, Jon Sanborn.
Granite Bench:		Milly Shaw
Flag & Pole:		Lucky Lenny's of Tilton & Franklin.
Shed Materials:		Bob Welch; Patsy Wells; Peter Hibberd (builder)
Well:		Daniel's Artesian Wells
Granite Posts:		Fran Belcher; Rich Tyler; Ken & Cheryl Durgin; Edna Hansen; Liz & Marty Merry; Ron & Ellen Taylor; Elaine DeMello; Michael Folsom.
Electrical:		Andrew "Andy" Sanborn
Financial Donations:		Milly Shaw; J.S.Logging; Will Ellis Electrician; Eastman Hill Enterprises ; Smart Memorial Homes; Don & Miriam Kent; The Network Managers & Trainers Inc.; Cadbury Woods Farm (Lathams); Bushy Park Farm (Hibberds)
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History Reports:		Peter Hibberd

Chronology of Events

Selectmen's Cemetery Project

May 26th 2005	Selectmen asked Cemetery Committee for assistance to find site
May 28th 2005	Cemetery Committee toured three potential sites
May 28th - June 8th	Peter Hibberd started on plans for site and presentations.
June 8th 2005	The Cemetery Committee presented plans to Selectmen-Approved
June 9th 2005	The cemetery Committee asked Conservation Commission for three acres of the twelve acre site to be dedicated for use as a Town cemetery.-Approved.
June 9th - June 22nd	Peter Hibberd began to: Mark out the boundaries Check all pertaining State of New Hampshire RSAs Check with Town Planner - No State Laws requiring tests. Check the Original Deed for any Restrictions of Use Check with Town Tree Warden for rules on Scenic Way Check with Highway Manager for Entrance & Exit locations Put together an overview for June 22nd Resident's Information. Met with Conservation Commission Members, Wayne Elliott and John Dodge at the site to show the area they needed to have cleared. Met with Bob Bodwell and Wayne Elliott at the site to discuss use of Bob Bodwell's Landing. Wayne promised to have all the piles of logs removed by the Fall of 2005, so Bob approved..
June 22, 2005	Resident's Information Session ((No formal Public Hearing was required Gave presentation to about 45-50 residents, who all approved it Asked for volunteers for the project **Promised that I would get volunteers to clear the site and have at least one grave plot ready fo use by the end of September 2005.**
June 22nd - June 30th	Gathered information from other Towns, especially Bow, NH to formulate Rules and Regulations and Pricing for our upcoming Work Group Sessions. Continued to move rocks to form the Entrance and Exit at the site.
June 30th 2005	Work Group Sessions at the Town Hall to discuss Rules & Regulation, Pricing, and memorial garden layout.
July 8th, 2005	Mildred Shaw and Sally Hibberd had a stall to advertise the project
July 14 - 22nd	J.S.Logging cut and removed the trees and brush from the site. They used Bob Bodwell's Landing area as a staging area.

ONE MONTH HAS NOW PASSED SINCE THE PROMISE WAS MADE BY PETER

July 24th 2005	Hemlock Falls Construction (The Bill Tobin Family) started the removal of the stumps.
July 30th weekend:	Hemlock Falls Construction completed the de-stumping
Aug 22nd, 2005	Steve Johnston used his 40 ton equipment to roll the stumps from the site to Bob Bodwell's Landing. Advised The Conservation Commission that they could remove them from the Landing.

During June, July and August, we had been busy rebuilding walls that had been damaged by the removal of stumps; continued with the Entrance and Exit, as well as starting to build the rock "wall" from the Entrance to the corner of the memorial Garden where the flagpole would be set.
Much raking was done using tractors, hand rakes, shovels etc., by Jon Sanborn, Milly Shaw, Peter Hibberd, and Sally Hibberd, in the Memorial garden area and Blocks a & b.

AUGUST 22ND, MEANS THAT TWO MONTHS HAVE NOW PASSED SINCE JUNE 22

Sept 9th, 2005	Memorial gardens taking shape
Sept 12th 2005	Peter set the Flagpole Base in concrete Peter hand-dug the Winding pathway through the Memorial Garden
Sept 13th 2005	The Flag was raised over the Cemetery memorial Garden. Guy Giunta and Peter Hibberd began the Trench for the Electrical Power Supply to the shed position.
Sept 15th, 2005	The first ten Grave Plots were flagged with 90 more available in Block B if required. Block A was also available for another 100 plots.

PETER ADVISED THE SELECTMEN THAT THEIR PROJECT WAS COMPLETED AHEAD OF THE GOAL AND THEY COULD ARRANGE THE DEDICATION .

Sept 23rd, 2005	Peter erected the shed near the trench ready to receive power.
Oct 3rd, 2005	Master Electrician Andrew Sanborn assisted by Peter put in the conduit between the electrical pole in the road to the shed.
Oct 2005	Andrew organized the Electrical Connection with Coop Electric.

END OF 2005 ACTIVITIES AT THE SITE

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE

Peter F Hibberd