

# Bowdoinham Cemetery Advisory Committee

Update to the Select Board  
January 13, 2026



# Members, Purpose, Duties

## *Members*

- Nina Mendall, Chair
- Patricia Oh, Secretary
- Peter Mendall, Data Management
- Elaine Diaz, Newsletter, Oversight, Keepers
- Linda Temple, Oversight, Keepers
- William Oh, Oversight, Keepers
- Amy Babb, Keeper
- Frank Connors, Sexton
- Tobey Frizzle, Staff

## *Purpose, Duties*



- Provide an Assessment of all Cemeteries
  - Complete inventory, locations
  - Survey of conditions, maintenance, and resources
- Recommendations to the Select Board & Town Manager
  - Prioritized maintenance and repair list, source of funding
- Communicate with Sexton
  - Matters concerning cemeteries
  - Locations of Veterans (added)

# Overseeing 60+- Cemeteries



# #1 Members and Volunteers Clean & Maintain Beech Hill, Dinsmore, Mustard, Whitmore

- 40 Active Keepers!!!



# #2 Assessments Updated

- Initial Assessment Form
  - Electronic fillable Form created
- Short Assessment Form
  - Simplified and also Electronic Fillable Form
  - Follow-ups to assess conditions
    - Fences
    - Stones leaning, down, broken
    - Trees or other hazards
    - Other problems

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**Initial Assessment Form**

Assessment By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

GR#: \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_

GPS: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ID Landmarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Map & Lot#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Homeowners with Cemetery Access:** Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Keeper:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Contract: \_\_\_\_\_ Keeper: \_\_\_\_\_ Trust: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions to the Cemetery:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Access Issues: \_\_\_\_\_

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Right of Way Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hazards (humans, animals, erosion, tree growth, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

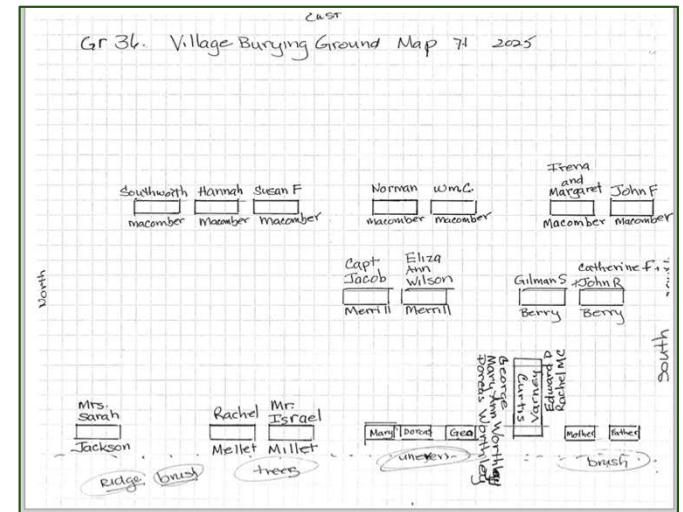
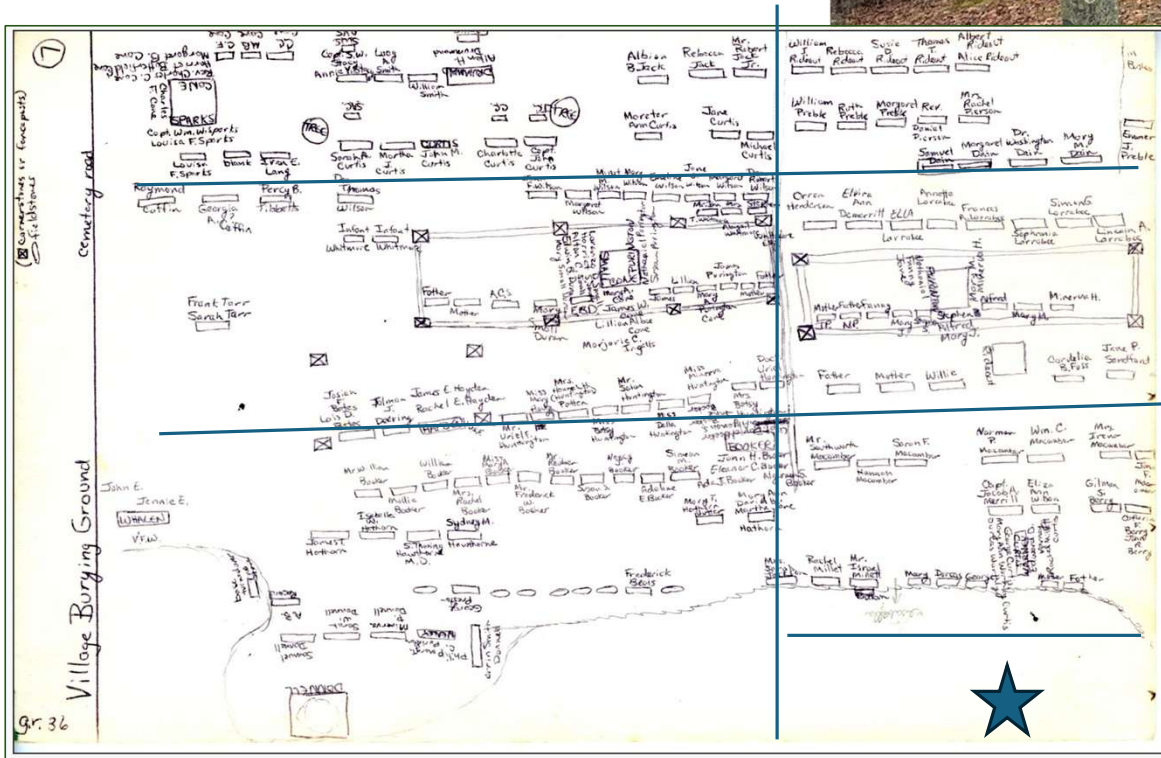
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Other Relevant Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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# #3 Plan for Village Burying Ground Review, Remap, Reassess



# Celebration of Keepers and Volunteers

Bowdoinham Cemetery Advisory Committee  
invites Cemetery Keepers and Volunteers for

## CIDER & DONUTS


### WITH FRANK

BECAUSE WE APPRECIATE ALL  
YOU DO FOR BOWDOINHAM

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 2PM  
Merrymeeting Hall

Join us for Apple Cider and  
Donuts from Rocky Ridge

Special Recognitions &  
The History of Our Cemeteries  
Presentation by **Frank Connors**



RSVP by October 03 - Nina Mendall,  
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## Special Recognition

- Marilyn Hinckley
- Frank Connors
- Albert Stehle
- Elaine Diaz

# Priorities for 2026

- Seek access to 4 cemeteries
- Coordinate with the entities responsible for databases related to cemeteries to assure records are coordinated, accessible to relevant parties, and updated as needed.
  - Realistic Cost Estimates will be recorded as part of process
- Three large cemeteries: Maxwell, Ridge, and Village Burying Ground will be prioritized for cleaning and repairs

