Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee
Town of Uxbridge

Committee Responsibilities:

The Uxbridge Historic Cemetery Committee (appointed by the Selectmen, May of 1996) is charged with fostering the protection, preservation and appreciation of the community historic burying grounds. There are 35 cemeteries in the town of Uxbridge with four being privately owned and maintained. The remaining 31 cemeteries are abandoned and neglected as defined under MGL c. 114, ss1-2 and s18, and the focus of our restoration and preservation efforts.

Committee Objectives: Documentation, Preservation, and Education

The objectives of the committee are to protect and preserve the community cemeteries, including historic character, integrity and significance; open space and landscape management; conservation of historic grave markers, and other structural elements; site security; education and public involvement.

Scope of Work:

*   Develop a master plan for implementing objectives.
*   Identify cemetery trust funds available for care and preservation of historic cemeteries.
*   Reach out to abutters, neighbors, family associations, community businesses and organizations etc., to make donations toward cemetery restoration and maintenance.
*   Create a program for ongoing maintenance, gravestone repair and conservation.
*   Conduct a survey of the town's historic cemeteries, using survey guidelines developed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and other cemetery preservation programs.
*   Apply for State/National Historic Register designation for the cemeteries.
*   Use survey information to update town records and planning maps.
*   Propose protective regulations and guidelines for new construction and gravel removal on land that includes historic cemeteries.
*   Create educational partnership programs within the community.
*   Encourage the town to adopt MGL c 272, s 71A (950 CMR 41) to

provide for a responsible gravestone repair and conservation program.
* Establish guidelines for cataloging monument fragments.
* Design and install a model sign system.