

# **Master Planning Ideas for the Stockbridge Cemetery**

November 28, 2023

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## **Historic Preservation**

1. 2022 Preservation Inc – contracted for cleaning and fixing Monuments in Historic Sections that lean more than 10 degrees, also in the Curtis lot, and unearthing and the Sergeant Tombs.

## **Capital Improvements**

1. 2024 Funding Request at Town Meeting for Wooden Structures:
  - a. Hearse House (general storage) and Garage (storage and maintenance of mowers)

## **Stone Structures**

1. 2022 – 2024 - Replacing broken and granite fence posts with marble ones to match originals.
2. TBD: Pointing of Mausoleum

## **Trees, Shrubs, Perennials**

1. What to do with Hemlock Hedges around cemetery
2. Removals – some trees and shrubs removed due to safety and access to lots
3. Additions – How do we add new life into the cemetery?
4. Allowance for planting at family lots in the ground, not only in planters

## **Roads**

1. 2023: Sewer pipe removal from a cottage on Main Street to the manhole
2. TBD: Move the easternmost road adjacent to most active part of cemetery to cover the sewer line if the sewer line cannot be removed.

## **Grave Space**

1. All families are allowed two side-by-side graves and they must be in the active part of the cemetery rather than choosing one's own space.

## **Signs**

1. 2023: Prepare a sign with Hours (Dawn to Dusk) to minimize nighttime requests for tours and prevent vandalism – sign OK'd by Selectboard.
2. Interpretive Panels about the cemetery. What sections? Work with Sedgwick Pie on this idea?

## **Website for Documents and Searches**

1. For searching and ease of access for public use

## **Mapping**

1. The active part of the cemetery is being mapped on graph paper, which works because most graves are just lined up next to the adjacent to the previous burial.
2. Consider getting the entire cemetery mapped to support online searches
3. Update all paper maps and get them transferred to digital maps