

CEMETERY PRESERVATION & RESTORATION COMMITTEE  
REPORT 2017

The Cemetery Preservation & Restoration Committee, Town of Victor, a volunteer group, continued its ongoing commitment of preservation and restoration of Victor's burial grounds. Established in 2007, we have overseen the restoration of the Victor Village Cemetery, located behind the Methodist Church and the Parks Family Cemetery, located on Rowley Road, across from the Parks Family Homestead / aka Royal Car Wash. This included repairs of headstones, location and marking unmarked graves, fencing, landscaping and update of burial records.

As part of our commitment we research the family history of individuals buried in our cemeteries and welcome genealogical information from the public. All updated records are housed in the Town of Victor Historian's Office and are available for research. During 2017, we responded to several research requests from individuals locally and out of state.

During 2017 we addressed the following:

- Submitted the following statement regarding our position of possible construction of Royal Car Wash on historic Parks Family Homestead parcel / Rowley Road-"The Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Committee recommend preservation of the homestead or part of, on the proposed car wash parcel as a lasting tribute to the Parks Family's contribution to our community. As one of the Town of Victor's oldest historic structures, located in close proximity to the recently restored family cemetery, we do not wish it to become part of Victor's rapidly disappearing past."
- Mapping of cemeteries-working with LaBella and Planning Department to map known cemeteries in the Village and Town of Victor. This will serve as reference for developers, construction companies and independent parties.
- Victor Village Cemetery and Parks Family Cemetery, owned by the Town of Victor, monitored by the committee, oversee headstone repairs, landscaping, etc. We work closely with Parks Maintenance. With their assistance, we located the small markers, Victor Village Cemetery, that were placed in 2009 to mark 195 unmarked graves. These graves were located with magnetic scanning equipment. They had sunk into the sandy soil over the years.
- Murray-Dillman Cemetery-an abandoned neighborhood cemetery-a proposed building lot included splitting of the burial ground in half. Committee worked with Planning Board and developer to resurvey the parcel so as to not disturb the burial site.

The Cemetery Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of the month [March-October] 7 PM at the Village Hall. We thank Supervisor Marren and members of the Town Board for their support and for giving us the opportunity to preserve and honor an important part of our history.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Waters, Chair