

South Hero Cemetery Commission Report

Budget year 2024-2025

We the cemetery commission ask the voters to approve \$15,000 for the budget going into the new fiscal year.

The cost of upkeep at the cemetery continues to increase as the years go on and even with the help of four lot sales this past year, it is not enough to support the overall care the cemetery needs. The majority of the budget will go towards maintenance over the grounds such as lawn mowing, weed-whacking, picking up sticks, leaf removal, and clearing of debris on stones. Each year more stones are added, demanding more labor resources that need to be accounted for in the budget. With weekly mowing and trimming as well as fall cleanup each year, the cost per contractor varies and care over the grounds will be contracted out for bid. We have already had a few inquiries about next years contract. The leftover budget will be put towards miscellaneous expenses such as stone repair, heavy limb removal or whatever else may come up in the upcoming year.

We are down to a few single lots that need to be sold before we can start selling deeds to the new part of the cemetery. With a few complaints brought to our attention we have distributed new signs along the front of the cemetery regarding bikes, motor bikes and loose dogs. A reminder to the public that newly planted bushes and trees are not allowed in the cemetery.

We would like to thank JJ's landscaping for all their efforts in maintaining the grounds this past year, Teri Robinson with a group of Folsom School students who donated time into cleaning some of the headstones, Collin Marcotte for re-pointing the vault and Samera Hilliker for digitizing the records to simplify to process in locating grave sites