

HILL WEST CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

3 July 2023

Annual Meeting Notice

At the request of Association President Jeffrey Jewett, all Association members are invited to the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Association, which will be held as follows:

6:00 pm, Wednesday, 26 July 2023

Montgomery Town Office Conference Room

Public Service Building, Mountain Road, Montgomery Center

All persons owning lots in the Hill West Cemetery are members of the Association and are thereby entitled to voice and vote at the Annual Meeting. Hill West Cemetery is owned by the Town of Montgomery, so all Montgomery residents are welcome to attend and participate in discussions.

Agenda items at the annual meeting will include: President's Report, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Maintenance Report, Election of Officers, Old Business, New Business, Collection of Dues. Participants are welcome to bring refreshments to share during and after the meeting.

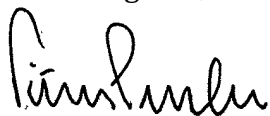
We will also pay tribute to **Irene Jewett**, who served as association clerk for about 30 years. Irene died at age 93 on June 30 at her home in Richford, surrounded by her family. She was a lovely person, and she kept meticulous records for the association. We offer condolences to Jeff Jewett, our president, and other members of the Jewett family, who have long been committed to the cemetery. We will miss her. Funeral: July 6, 11am, Richford First Baptist Church, followed by burial at Hill West Cemetery.

The Association's report to the 2023 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Montgomery is included for your review on the back of this notice.

Dues Note: The current minimum for dues is \$5.00/year, and higher amounts are encouraged. Members not attending the annual meeting are requested to send dues checks made out to the Hill West Cemetery Association to: Treasurer Nancy Lumbr, 1151 Gibou Rd., Montgomery 05471.

If you have questions, please call Jeff Jewett on his cell at 802-782-5466 or myself at 802-326-3157.

Warm regards,



Titus Presler, Clerk

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Annual Report to the 2023 Montgomery Annual Town Meeting

Hill West Cemetery, located above West Hill Brook on West Hill Road, appears to date from about 1870, for the earliest date on a gravestone in the cemetery is 1871. It is located on town land, which was roughly doubled in size by a donation by Peter Watson in 1978. The current size of the cemetery is about 30,000 square feet, or about two-thirds of an acre.

As plot-holders refurbished the cemetery from the dereliction into which it had fallen by mid-century, the Hill West Cemetery Association was established to administer the cemetery on behalf of the town, and the Association has ably administered the cemetery since that time. It holds an annual meeting each summer, and the agendas and minutes of all meetings are posted on the town bulletin boards and website in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. In 2016 and 2017 the Association reviewed and revised its Bylaws and Rules, approving them at a Special Meeting in September 2017.

The 2022 Annual Association Meeting was scheduled for June 9 in the pavilion at the Montgomery Recreation Center, an outside venue chosen because of the coronavirus pandemic. Meeting in this public space emphasizes the Association's accountability to the Town of Montgomery on behalf of which it administers the cemetery.

While several cemetery officers and trustees attended, not enough association members attended to provide a quorum for an annual meeting, so the meeting was not held. Current officers are: President, Jeff Jewett; Vice President, Vice President, Earl Lumbra; Clerk, Titus L. Presler; Treasurer, Nancy Lumbra. The trustees are: Wayne Jewett, Gary Jewett, Earl Lumbra, Michael Jewett, Nancy Lumbra, and Titus L. Presler.

The association has 38 member households. Each year two, three or four burials occur at the cemetery, so it is active. Officers and trustees are committed to encouraging members to become more engaged and to ensure that the 2023 Annual Meeting can be held with a quorum of members present.

Hill West Cemetery continues to have burial plots available, and it provides for cremains as well. Interested persons can contact Jeff Jewett at 802-782-5466.



Titus L. Presler
Clerk