

**THE**

**CREATION OF THE**

**SANBORNTON**

**TOWN PUBLIC CEMETERY**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005 - September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005**

**(and beyond)**

**Peter Hibberd**

## Sanbornton - Creating History

The Town of Sanbornton, New Hampshire was Granted in 1748 and Incorporated in 1770. There was a small Burial Ground in the mid- 1770s called Central Cemetery, but was mainly on granite ledge so was abandoned.

From that time either Private Burial Grounds or Church controlled Cemeteries were the way to go, especially as travel was limited to use one central location. Therefore, to meet State of New Hampshire Mandate (non-funded of course), the Town was required to have a Public Cemetery of their own.

Historian, Milly Blaisdale/Sanborn/ Shaw had a personal wish that a Public Cemetery be created in Sanbornton during her lifetime.

On May 26<sup>th</sup> 2005, Mr. Guy Giunta, who at the time was the Selectmen's Representative on the Cemetery Committee, attended the Cemetery Committee meeting, bringing with him a request from the Board of Selectmen for the Cemetery Committee to assist the Selectmen in finding a suitable location for the future Town of Sanbornton Public Cemetery.

The Cemetery Committee at that time consisted of five members:

Peter Hibberd ---- Committee Chairman  
Mildred Shaw ---- The Town Historian  
Bob Bodwell ---- Whose family had been in Town many years.  
Sally Hibberd ---- Trustee of Burial Grounds  
Guy Giunta ---- Board of Selectmen

Following the formation of the Cemetery Committee in about 1994, they had decided to try to find all the original Burial Grounds in the Olde Town of Sanbornton; List all those buried in those Burial Grounds. Peter created a computer file and cross referenced all the names found with "Runnel's-- History of Sanbornton" which also showed the parents and spouse of each burial. (That file some ten years later, consists of over 4,000 names and is accessible for viewing on the Sanbornton Historical Society website.)

The Committee immediately set about this new and welcomed task, and Peter had brought with him copies of Town maps upon which he had highlighted all the land currently owned by the Town of Sanbornton. Within 30 minutes, the committee had selected three potential sites for the project. A tour of the sites was set up for Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and a short set of parameters was listed so that each site could be rated against each other.

The three sites, using land that was at least three acres were:

- 1) Adjacent to the Town Recreation area and Recycling Center.
- 2) On Eastman Hill Road
- 3) On Tower Hill Road between Range Road and Rufus Colby Road.

A major criteria of course was to create the Cemetery with no expense to the residents, as no money was in that year's budget. Access Roads; soil depth and type; availability of rocks for walls, and scenic location, and other items, were other considerations. There was NO State or Town Law which restricted soil type or depth. On the tour we had a member of the State Department of Transportation to guide us for access to each site. One turned out to require expensive bridge work to get over streams etc to reach it.

The Committee gathered after touring all three sites and decided to recommend site three as "far and away" more preferable than the others.

Peter then started to set about laying out site plans, measurements, and a tentative schedule, in as much detail as possible. If the various Boards and Commissions gave approval and support, we were in a position to move fast to begin the project as the Selectmen wanted something ready for burials in 2005, which meant by the end of September before bad weather moved in.

Peter put together a presentation package and submitted it to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting which was on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2005. All the Cemetery Committee members were in attendance and the Selectmen were Patsy Wells - Chairperson; Guy Giunta and Andrew Livernois. The

recommendations were unanimously and enthusiastically approved by the Board.

The next evening, June 9<sup>th</sup>, the presentation was made to the Conservation Commission. That Commission was the designated managers of the twelve acre plot, of which the recommendation was to use only three (3) acres of that for the Cemetery. Actually, that three acres was three of the four acres that had been owned and used by The Sanbornton Agricultural and Mechanical Society as the "Fairgrounds". The Society owned the land from 1882, and approved the sale of the total twelve acres to the Town of Sanbornton on November 26<sup>th</sup> 1940. It was not until November 24<sup>th</sup> 1962 that the papers were actually signed to make it Town land. The president of the Society was Joseph C. Bodwell, a relation of the current Cemetery Committee member, Bob Bodwell.

The Conservation Commission under Chairman Wayne Elliott, unanimously approved the plans and agreed to "*designate three (3) acres of the twelve acre lot for the use by the Town as a Public cemetery.*"

Copies of the Plans were made available to the Planning Board through Selectmen Andrew Livernois and Guy Giunta, but the Chairman stated that as it was Town property, there was no reason for the Planning Board to be involved.

**At this point the Cemetery Committee had completed their task of finding a suitable location for the Town Public Cemetery, and handed the project back to the Selectmen to continue with it.**

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Peter Hibberd had already started to set flags around the perimeter of the proposed site, so that the Conservation Commission would have a guide when they found a Logger to clear the site of trees and saplings etc. Flagging was quite difficult in the dense undergrowth, following rainstorms, followed by high humidity and bugs. The use of a chain saw to clear a path helped. Potential entrances from Rufus Colby Road and Tower Hill Road were also marked after conferring with the Town's Highway Department, and the Town's Tree Warden (Faith Tobin).

Peter had already contacted the State of New Hampshire's Attorney General's Office to ensure that there would be no violations in using the

land, or opening gaps in the rock walls, so every aspect was covered and approved, before moving ahead.

The Selectmen set a Public hearing for June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005, although by Law it was not necessary to have one but they wanted to be totally open with the residents. Peter put together a package with drawings and information as well as charts and statistics on flip-chart paper for the presentation. Each person who attended was given a copy of the package in case s(he) could not hear the presentation, so that they could follow it. All attendees were enthusiastic about the project.

Peter, (66), volunteered his time and committed to gather volunteers to clear the site, and have grave sites ready by the end of September, 2005. The attendees accepted Peter as Project Manager for the Cemetery. This was a very ambitious schedule, but Peter felt that it was possible. This project required that he would spend full time to make it happen.

**ALL WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS.**

Bill & Faith Tobin of Hemlock Falls Construction offered their equipment to dig up the tree roots. Peter met with Wayne Elliott and John Dodge of the Conservation Commission to ask for them to negotiate with Loggers to make it happen to meet his schedule. He also started to “round up “ any others who would volunteer time, equipment or money, for the project.

In addition to getting the site ready, many other aspects were required to be covered, such as writing the Rules and Regulation; Deciding on Pricing; as well as the layout of the Cemetery and gardens. The Town of Bow, New Hampshire was very forthcoming with their information to assist.

Peter encouraged people to meet at the Town Hall and attendees were split into three groups to decide on the above mentioned three areas. Peter had outlined some Rules and Regulations as well as Pricing from other towns, to be used by the groups. The Groups completed these difficult tasks mostly in one night, with a review a week later, and Peter took those

decisions to type them into agreed guidelines for the Cemetery. The third Group also laid out the plans for the Memorial Gardens to be located at the North entrance.

The Logger, J.S.Stankatis of Northfield, started to clear the site in July, with a crew of John Stankatis, Rodney Dion, Billy Glass and Bill Brailey. Bob Bodwell, who owned a large piece of land opposite to the North entrance, offered about an acre for the “staging area” for the logger. The total clearing of the site was completed in only six and a half days.

Hemlock Falls Construction; ( Bill and Faith Tobin, their daughter Jennifer and Jeremy Perkins) brought their excavator to start removing the stumps on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005. This proved difficult with some stumps that were intertwined with others, being too heavy for the small excavator. Jeremy took it upon himself to find a large excavator and obtained a large one from Beauregard of Concord, as well as getting fuel donated by A.D.& G. Fuels of Franklin. The destumping was completed the next weekend of July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Jeremy and the Tobins played a major role in keeping the goal in site for Peter. Jeremy had also negotiated with Beck and Balluci for the use of their flatbed to transport the larger unit to and from the site.

As much as possible, during all this, Peter was busy re-building the rock walls that had been damaged by removing the stumps, as well as the two entrances that Jeremy had created in the walls. Also the boundary flags were adjusted many times during this period as the site became cleared and measurements became easier.

The next task was to remove the piles of stumps from the site to Bob Bodwell’s land. This was accomplished by Steve Johnston, who is also a logger and has a gravel business in Town. Steve fitted a large 40 - 50 ton front-end loader with a rake attachment which made short work of this massive task. He tumbled the stumps off the site so that the dirt would be left on site, and back-raked the whole three acres in just a couple of days work, spread over a couple of weeks, whilst taking care of his own busy schedule in between. A great effort by Steve also.

Our local farmer, David Swain, suggested that we mix in wood-ash, a non-toxic fertilizer, to the soil before seeding with grass seed. Peter contacted Charles Hansen and Dennis O’Neil of Resource Management of

Ashland, NH. Resource management donated this product for our project, and delivered a large amount of this later in the year on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2005.

With the land cleared of stumps, the process of removing all the smaller logs and branches began. This required many hours of raking by hand by Milly Shaw and Peter, and also with York rakes on the back of both Peter and Jon Sanborn's tractors. Concentration was on the area which was to be the first four Blocks of graves closest to the North entrance covering about 150 ft by 210 ft. This was with the goal of having graves available by the end of September.

Peter was also continuing to re-build the rock walls and creating the outlines of the Memorial Gardens using very large and heavy rocks, some of which had been dug up during the clearing process. He got a flag-pole and flag donated by Lucky Lenny's Hardware of Tilton and Franklin, and concreted the pole at a site within the Memorial Garden.

Our Flag was flying over the site by mid-September, 2005.

During all this, the winding pathway through the Gardens, was marked out and Peter dug it out by hand, placing weed-barrier fabric in it and filling in with stone dust to make it more solid. Mark Latham rented a compressor to stamp down the stone dust.

More hand raking by more volunteers, including Milly who just kept at it, enabled the first ten grave sites to be marked out and ready for use by September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, exactly three months to the day from the Public Hearing. **GRAVES WERE READY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.**

**At this time, about \$25,000 of work was completed by about thirty great volunteers at no cost to the residents. Peter Hibberd's involvement was over at this stage, and the Selectmen had their Cemetery to Dedicate.**

In early October, Peter and Guy Giunta dug the trench for the electrical conduit from the electric pole to the position of where the shed would be built. Guy used his backhoe for the 25 ft long trench. Peter had pre-fabricated the shed in his garage, and brought it to site and erected it next to the trench. Then came the rain and Peter had to bale out the trench three times before it was dry enough for the Master Electrician, Andrew

Sanborn, to put in the conduit. Andy also negotiated with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative Inc., to have them run the cable, install the meter to bring power to the shed and site. Andy's efforts were greatly appreciated, now we wait for the well to be drilled by Daniel's Artesian Wells who donated a large portion of the cost to the efforts. The Well was drilled in April/May 2006. The actual Town portion of the cost of the Well was voted on at the March 2006 Town meeting.

There was some money in the Public Cemetery Account and Mark Latham organized a fun-raiser at Steele Hill Resort, to raise more money. This was held in 2006 raising a great deal of additional funds for the Cemetery Accounts. Peter talked with the Attorney general's Office again, and they confirmed that "all moneies donated to or raised for the Sanbornton Public Cemetery, **"can only be spent at that specific cemetery and at no other location"**. This was to stop thoughts of using some of those funds elsewhere.

Also it was determined that **"only Cemetery Trustees, voted in by the residents at an annual Town voting session"** are authorized to expend money from any of the Cemetery Accounts, and not even Selectmen. Selectmen would be authorized only after they called a Special Meeting and then waited 90 days before doing so. As the annual elections were only a few weeks away, it was decided to vote in Trustees at that time.

After they are voted in, they must approve the Rules, Regulations and Pricing that was put together in June 2005, before those documents could be used. The Selectmen disbanded the Cemetery Committee, who had done such a tremendous job for the Town over the past twelve years since its formation, and waited for the new Trustees to be voted in.

All residents of the Town should be grateful for the effort that all the volunteers put in for their Town, and by March of 2006, since the start of the Project, over \$30,000 of work (including donations) had been done at the Public Cemetery site, at NO cost to the taxpayers. Peter's hope was that future Trustees would treat the Cemetery as self-supporting by volunteers and donations, but that is in the hands of Trustees now.



**The  
Creation  
Of the  
Sanbornton Public  
Cemetery**

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**Five Years Gone By: 2010**

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Cemetery Trustees 2010:

Guy Giunta  
Mildred Shaw  
Mark Latham

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Started: June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005.

Ready for Burials: Sept. 2005

First Burial: June 8<sup>th</sup> 2008

Dedication: Memorial Day 2009

Photos By: Peter Hibberd

Book Created by: Peter Hibberd

**May 30<sup>th</sup> 2005**

This Was The Density of The

Bushes and Trees When

It Was Toured On

This Date

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Tour was by the Cemetery Committee:

**Peter Hibberd - Committee Chairman**

**Mildred Shaw - Town Historian**

**Sally Hibberd - Town Trustee of Burial  
Grounds**

**Robert "Bob" Bodwell**

**Guy Giunta - Selectmen's Representative**

The Site Work Continues.



June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005:      Where Do I Begin ?



June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Try Here At The Entrance, I Guess



June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Cut A Few Trees, Then Start Moving Rocks



June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005: These Rocks Are Heavy After A Couple Of Tons.



June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Corner Of Tower Hill & Rufus Colby Roads.



June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Rufus Colby Road - Cemetery Entrance On Right

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005

## Selectmen's Public Hearing

### Presentation by Peter Hibberd

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Peter had already checked out:

1. Every pertaining State RSA that applied to a Town Cemetery
  2. Checked with Attorney general's Office to make sure.
  3. Checked with Town Planner about the soil - no issues.
  4. Town Planner agreed that Test Pits were NOT required
  5. Bill Tobin had dug Test Pits anyway-totally dry to six feet down
  6. Checked with Town's Tree Warden and Highway Department.
  7. As Tower Hill Road is a Scenic Road, no trees can be cut outside of Cemetery Site on the roadside verge - OK.
  8. Confirmed with the State Attorney general's Office that the 50 ft setback from road is NOT an issue as Tower Hill Road is NOT a State Highway.
  9. Checked the Deed for the site to show that there were no restrictions in it against the site's use as a Cemetery.- none
  10. There is a right-of-access for the Power Company - non-issue.
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June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005



Peter Hibberd

Provides An Overview Of The Town Public Cemetery

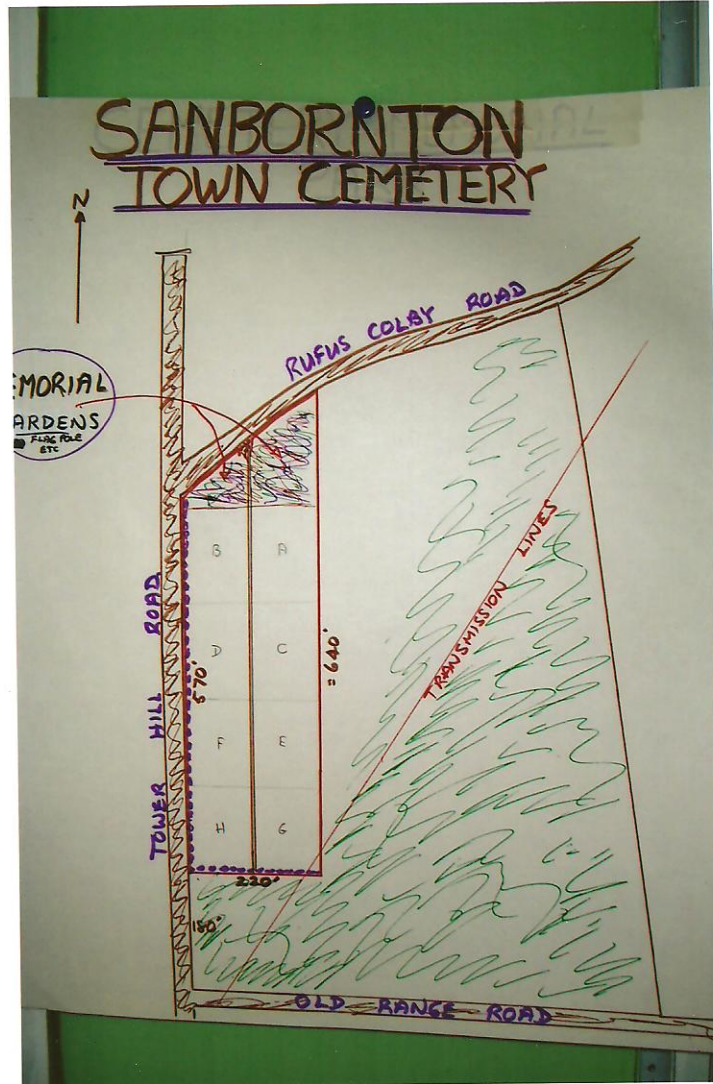
Project To The Selectmen

And To Attending Residents.

The Selectmen had Already Approved The Project Site  
On June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 At The Selectmen's Meeting.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005

Site Overview



The Site Overview Is Shown By Peter To The Attendees

Later It Was Decided In The Group Meetings On June 30<sup>th</sup>

To Have Only One Memorial Garden.





June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: Interested Residents Listening Intently.



Selectmen, Andrew Livernois; Guy Giunta; Patsy Wells

**DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, PETER WAS BUSY WITH MANY ISSUES THAT WERE REQUIRED. THESE INCLUDED:**

1. **Marking out the Approximate Boundaries of the Site**  
This was particularly difficult as it was one of the wettest years for the area, and the dense bushes and undergrowth required a chain- saw to cut just a path through it.  
In addition, it was muggy and black flies and mosquitoes were happily feeding of him.
2. **Contacting Other Towns, Particularly Bow, NH. For input of Suggestions for Rules, Regulations and Pricing For Grave Plots.**
3. **Organize a meeting of Volunteers at the Town Hall, for June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
That would complete that task of:
  - A) **Defining the Rules and Regulations for the Cemetery.**
  - B) **Define the Pricing for the Plots**
  - C) **Draw a Plan of the Memorial Gardens.**
4. **Continue to update the Attorney General's Office of our progress and intentions.**
5. **Type up suggested Rules, Regulations and Pricing for our Town cemetery to be reviewed, changed and finalized at the Town hall Meetings.**
6. **Continue to move rocks manually at the Entrance of the Cemetery.**
7. **Start to organize the volunteers necessary for the project to be completed by the end of September, 2005.**
8. **Meet with the Conservation Commission, who, as managers of the 12 acre site (of which three acres were dedicated by them for use as our Cemetery), were the ones to find a Logger to clear it as soon as possible.**

Back To The Site



June, 2005: Marking Out The Boundaries



June, 2005: East To West Boundary-South End

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005

## Group Meeting at the Town Hall

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Three Groups to Cover:

- Rules and Regulations
  - Pricing
  - Memorial Garden
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Work Groups Leader: Peter Hibberd

R & R Development: Mildred Shaw; Bob Bodwell;  
Jim Wells  
Wayne Elliott; Bill Tobin;  
Elizabeth Merry

Pricing: Melanie Van Tassel; Judy  
Hamel; Don Bormes;  
Carmine & Anne Cioffi.

Memorial Garden: Faith Tobin; Sally Hibberd;  
Guy Giunta.

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## Planning Continues With Volunteers



June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Town Hall Group Meeting



June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Rules & Regulations Group



June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Pricing Group.



June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Memorial Garden Group.  
The groups came back the next week to submit final suggestions.

**July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005**  
**Farmer's Market**



**Sally Hibberd and Mildred "Milly" Shaw  
With "Show & Tell" Boards, Which Were  
Donated By Mark Latham.**

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Clearing the Trees

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The Next Major Issue

Was To get The Three Acres

Cleared of Trees, Bushes and Logs

That had Been Cut Down Over The Years

But Not Removed From The Site.

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The Conservation Commission

Who Are The Designated Managers of the Site

Hired J.S. Logging of Northfield

(Jon Stankatis)

To Do This Task

They Started July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005

They Finished July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005



**July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005**  
**The Clearing Begins**



July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Logging Gets Underway





July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Cutting the South End



July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Second Day and Much Cleared



July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Under The Power Lines.



July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Setting Up On Bodwell's Landing



July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Staging And Cutting On "Bodwell's Landing"



July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Cutting And Chipping



July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Jon Stankatis & Billy Glass  
Not Many Trees To Go.



July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Getting Excited Now.



July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005: From Rufus Colby Road.



July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005: From Tower Hill Road.



July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005: The Last Trees Are Coming Down.



July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: Logging Equipment Leaves The Site



July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: One Month Of Exhausting Work Completed.



July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005

Digging Out The Stumps

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One Month Gone By

Only Two and a Half Months

Before the End of September

And Peter's Promise To Have

At Least One Gravesite Ready For Burial

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Still, Here Comes The Tobin Family

Bill Tobin

Faith Tobin

Jennifer Tobin

Jeremy Perkins

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July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005:



July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005: The Stumps Are heavy





July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005: At Least The Ground Is Dry.



July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005: Beaugard of Concord Donates A Backhoe  
A.D.& G. Fuels Of Franklin Donates Fuel  
Jennifer And Jeremy Drive Mean Machines.



July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005: Thanks To The Tobin Family - Piles Of Stumps



July, 2005: During The Stump Removal, Peter Hibberd Starts To Re-Build The Entrance Walls

August, 2005

## **Pushing The Stumps Away**

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After All The Stumps

Have Been Dug Out By

The Tobin Family,

The Next Step is to Remove

Them From The Site

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Steve Johnston of Sanbornton

Repaired His Front-End Loader

To Get This Done for Us.

His 40 Ton Loader, Pushed The Stumps

To The Bodwell Landing

The Tumbling Of The Stumps Left Much Of The

Loose Dirt on the Site



Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: Steve Johnston Pitching In



Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: Dirty & Dusty Job For Steve.



Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: Steve Pushing Another Pile Of Stumps.



Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: Great Job By Steve Johnston

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005**

**Exactly Two Months Gone**

**39 Days To Go To Meet**

**The End of September Target**

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**Peter is Getting a Better Feeling**

**Now About The Promise He made**

**Still a Great Deal of Hard Work To Go**



**August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005:**  
The Project Continues.



Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: Thanks to the Bodwell's For Use Of Their Landing



Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: Peter Continues to Build The Entrance



Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: Peter Had To Get His Tractor To Move Some Rocks



Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005: Setting Out The Memorial Gardens.



Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Memorial Garden Taking Shape



Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Peter Sets The Flagpole Base  
Donated By Lucky Lenny's Hardware of Franklin



Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005: The Winding Path Through The Garden

Peter Hand-dug 6 " Of Dirt, Then The Path Was Lined With Weed-Barrier Fabric.

Then Finished Off With Black Fill and 4 " Of Stone-dust To Make A Solid Base To Walk On, Or For Wheelchairs.



Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Our Country's Flag Is Flying Over The Cemetery



Sep 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Starting To Look Great

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005**



Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005: The First Ten Plots Are Marked Out

**The Goal Has Been Met**

**Ten Plots Marked Out On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Less Than Three Months After The June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005  
Public Hearing.**

**Also The Whole Of Block "A" And "B"  
Could be Used If Necessary.**

**A Total Of 200 Plots.**

**Project Handed Back To The Selectmen  
To Set Date For The Dedication**

**The Next Step Before The Winter Sets In  
Is To Get a Small Shed Built,  
Erected, and Get The Electrical Supply  
To The Shed.**

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**Peter Had Pre-Built The Shed In His Garage**

**Out Of Donated Materials**

**And Transported It To The Site.**

**ANDREW SANBORN**

**Master Electrician, Donated Materials and**

**Time To Install The Panel and Contact The**

**Electrical Supply Company To Install The**

**Power.**

**A Huge "Thank-You" To Andy**



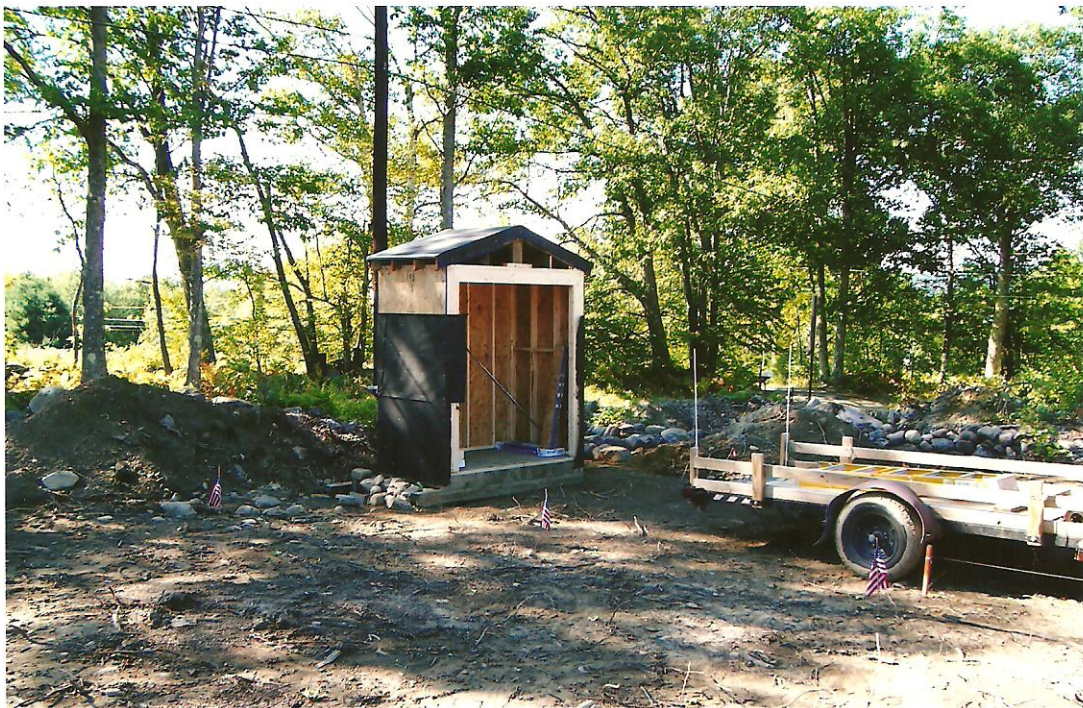
Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005: Selectman Guy Giunta Begins To Dig The Trench For The Electrical Connection. Peter Is In The Trench. (Guy Was Very Tempted To Make Me The First Burial)







Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005: Peter Erects The Shed For The Electric Power & Water Tank & Controls.



October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005



Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005: The Conduit Is Installed By Andrew Sanborn Ready For The Electric Company To Run The Wires To The Meter Panel



Jan, 2006: Winter Is Setting In So No More Work Until Spring



A Computerized Overview Of The Finished Layout

# **The Next Major Event Was Organized**

**By Mark & Elizabeth Latham.**

**This Was a Fund-Raiser at  
Steele Hill Resort On April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

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**Many Thanks To Bill Cutillo and his Staff at  
Steele Hill Resort for a Wonderful Evening  
Enjoyed by All**

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**Thanks Also to Sue MacDonald, the Artist**

**and to**

**White Mountain Swing Band With our Own**

**Sean and Heather Goodwin of Sanbornton**

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**Great Job by Mark and Elizabeth**

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**I Have Too Many Photos of This Event To  
Include Them All, so Will Put In Just a Few.**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006**



Steele Hill Resort - Displays by Mark & Beth Latham



Waiting To Have A Great Evening



General View Of The Room



The Giunta Family - Tower Hill Farm



Some Of The Attendees - Including John & Malanie van Tassel



Ann With The Bormes



Susan MacDonald, The Artist And Her Husband



A Group Including Faith Tobin, Andy Sanborn, & Bill Tobin





Group including Danny Swain, John & Sheila Dodge



Group Including Patrice, Patsy, Greg, Linda and Julie



Group Including Yvonne Cote and Sally Hibberd



The White Mountain Swing Band - With Sean & Heather Goodwin

**May, 2006**



Stone-Dust Laid On Pathway & Ready To Concrete The Bench Base.  
The Latham's Donated A Compactor For The Pathway

**May, 2006**  
**Milly's Bench**



**Mildred Blaisdell-Sanborn-Shaw On Her Bench**



May 2006: Volunteer Work At The Memorial Garden Is Continuous





Jon Sanborn: A Very Active Volunteer



Mark Latham: Another very Active Volunteer



Milly And Two Of Her Sons



Guy On The Loader & Sally Hibberd & Karen Ober

**May 2006**  
**The Well Is Drilled**



Daniels Artesian Wells Inc., Drop In







Good Advertising !



Drilling As Seen From Tower Hill Road



Jon Sanborn & Mark Latham Install The Granite Entrance Posts



Peter Hibberd & Jon Sanborn Install The Exit Granite Posts

## The First Burial



June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008: Guy Giunta And Guy III Dig The First Grave



Driver Guy Giunta, Peter & Guy III

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008



June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008: The First Grave Is Dug

Notice That At Six feet, And After A Night-long Storm

It Is Very Dry

Notice The Orbs





June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008: First Burial Complete With Temporary Cross



June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008: A View Of The First Grave And The Memorial Garden



June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008: Installing The Concrete Vault.



June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008: Milly Shaw



Aug, 2008: Putting In The Headstone Base



Aug, 2008: Digging For The Headstone Base.





Aug, 2008: Headstone Base Is Ready



Aug, 2008: Headstone Has Been Installed



Views Of The Memorial Gardens





June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008: Peter Hibberd



June, 2008: Rufus Colby Road, Upgraded To Class 5

**August, 2008**  
**The Cemetery Is Levelled and Seeded**



**Aug, 2008: The Levelling Begins**  
**Salmon Falls Is The Contractor**





Aug, 2008: Levelling Continues-View from Gardens



Gardens Are Looking Perfect As Shrubs Grow



Gardens: Milly Shaw and Steve & Karen Ober's Granddaughter



Milly Shaw, Karen Ober and Granddaughter



Gardens Flowers Are Beautiful Now





Milly Shaw, Karen Ober & Granddaughter



The base Of The Flagpole, Showing Winding Path And Bench



## **It Was Memorial Weekend**

**In 2005, When The Cemetery Committee**

**Toured Three Sites to Determine if**

**Any of Them Would Be Suitable For The**

**Location of The First Sanbornton**

**Town Cemetery.**

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**It was September 2005, When 100 Plots Were**

**Available if Required. And The Project**

**Handed Back To The Selectmen for an Early**

**Dedication**

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**We are now**

**Gathered for That Dedication.**



Project Leader, Peter Hibberd Gives A Briefing



We Were Honored With The Presence Of Many Military Heros Including Col. Bob Laflam & Col Raymond Beapre and Lt. Col, Kenneth Durgin



Selectman Steve Ober Reads the Proclamation



The Sanbornton Boy Scouts Troop Raise The Flag



Bill Tobin And Steve Ober With The Flag That Was Presented To The  
Town Cemetery By Senator Deb Reynolds (Standing On Right)

The Flag Had Flown Over The State Capitol Building  
Prior To The Senator Receiving It For The Town

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**The Town Of Sanbornton Owes All The Volunteers  
A Debt Of Thanks For The Effort They Put Forth To  
Reach This Tremendous Conclusion**

**October, 2010**  
Marking the Blocks and Road



October, 2010: Guy Giunta and Peter Hibberd Mark Out The Center Road Ready For The Contractor To Begin





General Shots Of The Cemetery





Shots Of The Roadway Position From The North Entrance and The South Exit



**October 19<sup>th</sup> 2010**  
**The Roadway Begins**



**Rines Paving Start At The Tower Hill Road Exit**







**Constant Rolling and Leveling is Carried Out**





Laying The Top 6 inches of Hard-Top





Hard-Top Ready For Another Rolling & Edging





Digging The Remaining Stumps That Were Not Done in 2005



**2006**

**Special Thanks To**

Mildred Shaw

Bob Bodwell

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**List Of Volunteers - 2005**

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**Chronology of Events - 2005**

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## Special Thanks



Cemetery Trustee and Volunteer Bob Bodwell with Milly Shaw



Bob Bodwell with Peter.

## Sanbornton Public Cemetery Project

### List of volunteers - 2005

Board of Selectmen: Patsy Wells; Guy Giunta; Andrew Libvernois  
Cemetery Committee: Peter Hibberd; Mildred Shaw; Bob Bodwell  
Sally Hibberd; Guy Giunta

Groups: Gardens: Faith Tobin; Sally Hibberd; Guy Giunta  
R & Regs: Milly Shaw; Bob Bodwell; Jilm Wells; Wayne  
Elliott; Bill Tobin; Liz Merry.  
Pricing: Melanie Van Tassel; Jude Hamel; Don Bormes  
Carmine & Anne Cioffi

Fund Raising: Mark & Beth Latham -- Cadbury Woods farm  
Loggers: J.S.Logging - Jon Stankatis & Crew  
De-Stump: Bill & Faith Tobin; Jeremy Perkins & Jennifer  
of Hemlock Falls Construction

Excavator Loan: Beauregard of Concord.  
Flatbed Loas: Berk & Balucci; Ralph Carter Construction  
Fuel: A.D.& G. Fuels of Franklin  
Stump Moving: Steve Johnston of Sanbornton  
Fertilizing Materials: Resource Management of Ashland  
Trenching: Guy Giunta; Peter Hibberd  
Site Work: Milly Shaw; Bob Bodwell; Guy Giunta; Sally  
Hibberd; Peter Hibberd, Jon Sanborn.

Granite Bench: Milly Shaw  
Flag & Pole: Lucky Lenny's of Tilton & Franklin.  
Shed Materials: Bob Welch; Patsy Wells; Peter Hibberd (builder)  
Well: Daniel's Artesian Wells  
Granite Posts: Fran Belcher; Rich Tyler; Ken & Cheryl Durgin;  
Edna Hansen; Liz & Marty Merry; Ron & Ellen  
Taylor; Elaine DeMello; Michael Folsom.

Electrical: Andrew "Andy" Sanborn  
Financial Donations: Milly Shaw; J.S.Logging; Will Ellis Electrician;  
Eastman Hill Enterprises ;  
Smart Memorial Homes; Don & Miriam Kent;  
The Network Managers & Trainers Inc. ;  
Cadbury Woods Farm (Lathams); Bushy Park  
Farm (Hibberds)

Photographs: Peter Hibberd  
History Reports: Peter Hibberd

**Chronology of Events**  
**Selectmen's Cemetery Project**

- May 26<sup>th</sup> 2005            Selectmen asked Cemetery Committee for assistance to find site
- May 28<sup>th</sup> 2005            Cemetery Committee toured three potential sites
- May 28<sup>th</sup> - June 8<sup>th</sup>        Peter Hibberd started on plans for site and presentations.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> 2005            The Cemetery Committee presented plans to Selectmen-Approved
- June 9<sup>th</sup> 2005            The cemetery Committee asked Conservation Commission for three acres of the twelve acre site to be dedicated for use as a Town cemetery.- Approved.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> - June 22<sup>nd</sup>     Peter Hibberd began to:  
                                  Mark out the boundaries  
                                  Check all pertaining State of New Hampshire RSAs  
                                  Check with Town Planner - No State Laws requiring tests.  
                                  Check the Original Deed for any Restrictions of Use  
                                  Check with Town Tree Warden for rules on Scenic Way  
                                  Check with Highway Manager for Entrance & Exit locations  
                                  Put together an overview for June 22<sup>nd</sup> Resident's Information.  
                                  Met with Conservation Commission Members, Wayne Elliott and John Dodge at the site to show the area they needed to have cleared.  
                                  Met with Bob Bodwell and Wayne Elliott at the site to discuss use of Bob Bodwell's Landing. Wayne promised to have all the piles of logs removed by the Fall of 2005, so Bob approved..
- June 22, 2005            Resident's Information Session ((No formal Public Hearing was required Gave presentation to about 45-50 residents, who all approved it Asked for volunteers for the project  
**Promised that I would get volunteers to clear the site and have at least one grave plot ready fo use by the end of September 2005.**
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>     Gathered information from other Towns, especially Bow, NH to formulate Rules and Regulations and Pricing for our upcoming Work Group Sessions.  
Continued to move rocks to form the Entrance and Exit at the site.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> 2005            Work Group Sessions at the Town Hall to discuss Rules & Regulation, Pricing, and memorial garden layout.
- July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005            Mildred Shaw and Sally Hibberd had a stall to advertise the project
- July 14 - 22<sup>nd</sup>            J.S.Logging cut and removed the trees and brush from the site. They used Bob Bodwell's Landing area as a staging area.

**ONE MONTH HAS NOW PASSED SINCE THE PROMISE WAS MADE BY PETER**



- July 24<sup>th</sup> 2005 Hemlock Falls Construction (The Bill Tobin Family) started the removal of the stumps.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> weekend: Hemlock Falls Construction completed the de-stumping
- Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 Steve Johnston used his 40 ton equipment to roll the stumps from the site to Bob Bodwell's Landing.  
Advised The Conservation Commission that they could remove them from the Landing.

**During June, July and August, we had been busy rebuilding walls that had been damaged by the removal of stumps; continued with the Entrance and Exit, as well as starting to build the rock "wall" from the Entrance to the corner of the memorial Garden where the flagpole would be set.**

**Much raking was done using tractors, hand rakes, shovels etc., by Jon Sanborn, Milly Shaw, Peter Hibberd, and Sally Hibberd, in the Memorial garden area and Blocks a & b.**

**AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>, MEANS THAT TWO MONTHS HAVE NOW PASSED SINCE JUNE 22**

- Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Memorial gardens taking shape
- Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 2005 Peter set the Flagpole Base in concrete  
Peter hand-dug the Winding pathway through the Memorial Garden
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 2005 The Flag was raised over the Cemetery memorial Garden.  
Guy Giunta and Peter Hibberd began the Trench for the Electrical Power Supply to the shed position.
- Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 The first ten Grave Plots were flagged with 90 more available in Block B if required. Block A was also available for another 100 plots.

**PETER ADVISED THE SELECTMEN THAT THEIR PROJECT WAS COMPLETED AHEAD OF THE GOAL AND THEY COULD ARRANGE THE DEDICATION .**

- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 Peter erected the shed near the trench ready to receive power.
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 Master Electrician Andrew Sanborn assisted by Peter put in the conduit between the electrical pole in the road to the shed.
- Oct 2005 Andrew organized the Electrical Connection with Coop Electric.

**END OF 2005 ACTIVITIES AT THE SITE**

**THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE**

**Peter F Hibberd**