Burlington Cemetery Barley St. Burlington, Kings Co., N.S. Mar. 2017

It is once again time to update everyone on our continuing efforts at the Burlington Cemetery.

Our last spring clean-up was held on May 11, 2016 with many coming out to help rake leaves, pick-up branches and prune bushes. Some graves were topped up and reseeded. It really is a nice way to spend a spring evening and if anyone would like to join us this year the spring clean-up will be held on Monday, May 8 at 6:30 pm.

Our last Annual General Meeting was held on Feb 20, 2017 at the Burlington Hall with seven in attendance. At this meeting all of the current executive was reinstated. We also decided to once again have Susan Daniels do the mowing for this season as she was able to do it at the same price as last year and we continue to be pleased with her work and her dedication to the cemetery. We would like to thank her for that.

At the AGM, Doug Kemp presented us with a new proposal concerning the Green Burial ground. He has suggested to start burials on the north side and to plant a tree, preferably one indigenous to the Acadian forest, at the site of each burial with a memorial plate put on a metal stake. After the tree has grown sufficiently the plate would be placed on the tree. He also suggested that no further mowing of the site would be done and only have a rough path maintained by repetitive use. The Green Burial section will continue to be mowed until such time as there is a burial and from then on that area will be allowed to naturalize. He put a great deal of work into all this and we were very interested in his proposal. We do feel there should be a meeting of all those who have purchased these burial sites.

We have sold 6 lots this year, all in the Green Burial cemetery, and we also had one burial in the conventional cemetery. If anyone is interested in purchasing the right to be buried in Burlington Cemetery, lots are available at a cost of \$250. Please contact Tom Metcalfe at 902-538-9759 or if Tom is not available please contact Drew Armstrong at 902-538-9851.

We would like to thank everyone for their continuing support both with donations

and in kind to help keep this fine old cemetery in good shape. If anyone is able to make a donation this year, please use the enclosed envelope or, if you receive this by e-mail, send to Burlington Cemetery c/o Pat Kemp, 3305 McNally Rd., Berwick, Kings Co., N.S. B0P 1E0. Along with our thanks, you will receive a tax receipt as we are a registered charity.

If anyone would like to receive future newsletters by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to <u>bobanddoreen50@hotmail.com</u>.

Hope you have a great summer. Doreen Bennett

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