

## *New England Cemetery Association*

*Honoring the Past    Serving the Present    Preparing for the Future*

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear NECA Cemeterians,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Hopefully, we have all seen the last snow of the season and are focused on Spring and the upcoming Summer season! As the Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions begin to slowly fade away and are in the rearview, I'm sure we all are looking forward to some sort of normalcy to return to our cemeteries, with chapels reopening and families having the ability to celebrate their loved one's memory with little to no restrictions.

Unfortunately, the slow process of relaxing the Covid-19 restrictions have caused us to cancel the Annual Meeting & Conference that was to be held in June at the Inn at Mill Falls on Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith, NH. The good news is planning has already begun for holding the 2022 Conference at the Inn at Mill Falls.

The Board continues to move forward and stay in close contact, be it through Zoom meetings or conference calls. We will be holding our Annual Meeting on June 17 at 2:00 via Zoom. In regards to the election of the 2021-2022 Board, you will have the ability to vote online or by mail, the Slate will be emailed and mailed out in May. The 51st Annual Frederick R. Laffond Management Seminar will take place December 6 – 8 at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. Watch your email for details as we get closer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire board along with Donna Hemmann, editor of this newsletter, for all their assistance throughout the past two years. Everyone has put in 100% plus into keeping this organization moving forward. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Laffond Seminar!

Thank you all, Suppliers & Cemeterians for your continued support  
Dave J. Boyle NECA President



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## Connecticut Cemetery Association News

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Jeff Pelletier resigned as President and member of CCA on March 10th. Jeff took a new position outside of the cemetery industry. He was well respected in our industry. CCA wishes Jeff good luck in his new role and thanks him for his hard work and dedication to our organization.

CCA's newly elected President is Maureen Crick Owen. She has been President of Newtown Village Cemetery Association, Newtown since 1997. Anthony Puglisi of Evergreen Cemetery & Crematory was recently as Assistant Treasurer. Anthony has been serving on the Board for a couple of years. Charlotte Maher was elected to the board as a Director in early May. Charlotte manages Mountain View Cemetery, Sherman.

### Future Events

June 16, 2021

- CCA is holding a virtual event on Wednesday, June 16th at 3:00 p.m. We are going to have a roundtable "Zoom" discussion. New cemeterians can get answers and experienced cemeterians can share their knowledge.

Topics to be covered are:

- What's with all the paperwork, forms and agreements?
- What are your COVID protocols?
- How do you manage landscaping?
- Are events and outreach even a thing?

A few of our very experienced and knowledgeable cemeterians will lead our discussion.

### October 2021

- CCA anticipates holding their annual meeting in October. The date and place have yet to be determined.

### Information

- For other CCA news, please go to our website at [www.ctcemeteryassociation.org](http://www.ctcemeteryassociation.org)

You may contact Maureen Crick Owen, President at [maureencrickowen@gmail.com](mailto:maureencrickowen@gmail.com)

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## New Hampshire Cemetery Association News

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The NH Cemetery Association (NHCA) Board decided to not hold the usual in-person annual NHCA Spring meeting in April due to required COVID-19 social distancing requirements and concerns with the health of our members. However, a remote meeting on Zoom was held on April 1st with 20 participants where the terms of directors and officers were extended from October 2020 to October 2021 and voted to waive the CY2021 dues for members, sponsors, and suppliers.

A remote Special meeting was held on April 27th to review and update NHCA bylaws. The directors determined that the NHCA bylaws were not current and a major update was for NHCA meetings to be in person, hybrid or full remote format as determined by the Board.

Tentative plans were discussed to hold a meeting in July in an outdoor venue. And Richard LaFlamme of Bristol, NH was voted to fill a vacant director position.

Submitted by Mike Horne– NH Cemetery Association

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## NECA News

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### **NECA Membership Benefits**

Professional Recognition—Shared Knowledge—Answers to Questions

Broader Access to Resources—Industry Links to Vendors & Cemeterians

Added Value to your Board of Trustees & Cemetery Associations

Opens Doors to National & International Cemetery Associations

*Know a New England Cemeterian who isn't a NECA member? Have them*

*Get in touch with Robbin Kelly, NECA Membership Chair*

*call Robbin at 508-430-7549*



**PLEASE NOTE:** *Based on feedback from our members, the NECA Board of Directors made a change to member benefits. A member who is unable to attend either the Laffond Seminar or Summer Conference may send another individual from the cemetery in their place, without incurring the non-member fees.*

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### **Vermont Cemetery Association News**

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Nothing reported

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### **Maine Cemetery Association News**

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Nothing reported

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### **Rhode Island Cemetery Association News**

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Nothing reported

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## Massachusetts Cemetery Association News

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MCA Report for the New Englander

The 2021 Massachusetts Cemetery Association Annual Meeting was held April 9<sup>th</sup> via Zoom, I would like to welcome our three new board members, Jamie Cotel from the Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts, Regina Harrison of Mount Auburn Cemetery and Kevin Esposito from the Town of Shrewsbury Cemetery Department.

The 192<sup>nd</sup> General Court of the Commonwealth of MA Legislative Session is underway; we are following several bills that pertain to our cemeteries and crematories. The MCA Legislative committee will be meeting to review them.

As Covid restrictions relax and gathering numbers increase we are planning an In Person Suppliers Day in September, please watch your email or check our website [www.macemetery.org](http://www.macemetery.org) for details.

I would like to thank all our Cemeterians and Suppliers for their continued support.

Dave Boyle, President

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### NECA News

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#### NECA

#### Balance Sheet

December 31, 2020

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

Cash Checking           \$ 16,883.38

Investment Portfolio     95,316.70

Inventory Logo Items    215.32

Total Current Assets:    \$ 112, 415.40

Total Property and Equipment: 0.00

##### Other Assets

Prepaid Conference Expense   \$ 1,995.00

Prepaid Seminar Expense     \$ 400.00

Total Other Assets        \$ 2,395.00

Total Assets                \$ 114,810.40

#### LIABILITIES & CAPITAL

Total Liabilities        0.00

##### CAPITAL

Fund Balance            \$ 35,527.01

Adj to prior year       (1,206.00)

Beginning Bal Equity    2,417.93

Retained Earnings      \$ 80,985.68

Equity Acct Family Services 2,839.11

Net Income              (5,753.33)

Total Capital            \$ 114, 810.40

Total Liability & Capital    \$ 114,810.40

# COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

## **COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number**

Applications begin on **April 12, 2021**

**844-684-6333** | TTY: **800-462-7585**

### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time

Call this dedicated toll-free phone number to get a COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application completed with help from FEMA's representatives. Multilingual services will be available.

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include:

If you are eligible for funeral assistance you will receive a check by mail, or funds by direct deposit, depending on which option you choose when you apply for assistance.

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

51st Annual Frederick R. Laffond

Management Seminar

December 6-8, 2021

Publick House

Sturbridge, MA.

# Mill Falls

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## AT THE LAKE



Tentatively June 20-23, 2022



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