

## ROAD AGENT

In 2013, the Highway Department continued on with our yearly maintenance and improvements to the infrastructure of the town. This year, following along with our 2009 Roadway Condition Evaluation Plan, 1,300 feet of Maple Avenue and 1,920 feet of Crane Crossing Road was reconstructed, including replacing a total of 80 feet of culvert.

Improvements were also made on Quaker Street where an existing 20 inch culvert had been backing up for many years and flooding nearby homes. This was upgraded to a 36 inch culvert to mitigate flooding.

Winter Storm activity had unfortunately increased in 2013. The Blizzard of 2013, a/k/a Nemo, made it the sixth straight year that Newton has had a natural disaster to become a FEMA event.

The Highway Department will continue to repair, improve, and maintain Newton's roads and culverts, while being fiscally responsible with taxpayer's money.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Pivero  
Road Agent

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Created for the Year Ending December 31, 2013

### HIGHLAND CEMETERY

Greg & Jane Boulanger - Eight Lots	\$2,600.00
Ralph and Mary Fellows - Two Lots	650.00
Marilyn Berthel - Four Lots	1,300.00
Rev. George Moore - Two Lots	650.00
Thomas and Tracey Brogan - One Lot	325.00
Susan Babb - One Lot	325.00
William G. Landry - One Lot	325.00

**TOTAL \$6,175.00**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Allen  
James L. Doggett  
Joseph A. Simone  
Trustees of Trust Funds

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

The most notable project that was completed in 2012 was the revitalization of the front section of the Willow Grove Cemetery. In 2013 due to the rather hot spring, it was deemed necessary to water the new yard. This was done with the help of the Road Department's 600 gallon tank truck, a generator, a lot of hose and the trusty Trustees that hand watered the lawn once a day for two or three consecutive days. Also, our landscaper came back and did some re-seeding and aerated the soil.

You will notice at least two more improvements to both the Willow Grove and Highland Street Cemeteries. One is the addition of new avenue signs in the "new" section in the back of Highland Street. Also, each veteran's grave site has one foot sections of 1" PVC pipe put next to the headstones for the easier holding and replacing of the flags.

The Rules and Regulations were thoroughly updated in 2012 with emphasis on what can and cannot be placed at grave sites. The ensuing enforcement of the new rules caused a substantial uproar. The remedy was to hold a public meeting last summer where all the interested lot owners could attend. The results of this very successful meeting caused us to make further substantial changes to the Rules and Regulations that satisfied everyone involved.

Both the Highland Street and Willow Grove Cemetery maps have been professionally updated as of December, 2013. These maps are used to locate grave sites to sell and graves for interment. This update corrected discrepancies found during the year.

As usual all the Veterans Flags were replaced for the Memorial Day celebration. This is very much a community undertaking. The Trustees place some of the flags along with the Newton Historical Society and the 6th grade class at the Memorial School.

### **2013 GRAVE SITE SALES**

Highland Street - 19  
Willow Grove-2

### **2013 INTERMENTS**

Highland Street - 8  
Willow Grove - 4

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael W. Hughes (Chairman)  
William G. Landry  
Ronald N. Saunders

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Board of Appeals held two public hearings in 2013. Variances were granted in both instances / hearings.

The Board of Appeals meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall, starting at 7:30 PM. The public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas R. McElroy, Chairman  
Board of Appeals