

GCPS Progress Report

May, 2019

By Diane Sterne

- Thank you Lori Rice for telling us that the "Historic" sign was on the ground at the town site. Bob Sterne and I found it and put it back on the tree.
- Lori and Bert Rice have been discussing what the concrete slab in the middle of the town site might have been for/from. They think it possibly had something to do with a kiosk that was built in approximately that location in the 1980's by a fellow who had tourist plans for the town.
- Fred Leard contacted the GCPS. In the 1990's he had a group that was interested in reviving the town site. I emailed him back and thanked him for contacting us. I asked if: he knew the purpose of the concrete slab, had any photos of the cemetery from the 1990's, or if he had information regarding the Bromley Trail. I also invited him to join our group if he wished. I explained you don't need to live here to be a member as a lot of our work is done via emails. Thank you, Fred for contacting us.
- On May 2, 2019 Bob and Diane Sterne completed and submitted a Grant In-Aid to the RDOS for \$500 to cover insurance costs for next year.
- A special thank you to the volunteers who showed up on Saturday, May 11 to help with the Cemetery clean-up. Thank you: Dawn Gardner, Ernie Rice, Kent Westerman and Bob Sterne for all your hard work. The weather was beautiful and a lot was accomplished. Dawn did an amazing job repainting the lettering of some faded headstones. Ernie cleaned up the Rice family plot and helped Bob fill sunken graves. Kent did a great job sweeping off headstones and cleaning them with me, Diane. I also cleaned up garbage and the infamous dead dog sleeping bag at the northeast corner of the Cemetery. Bob updated the Cemetery index and did some weed whacking where it was needed. Bob and Ernie made an inventory of problematic fences that they are hoping to fix in the future.

We did not have enough help to get the picnic tables re-stained at the town site. If anyone would like to volunteer for that job (which can be done at your leisure), we have the stain, brushes, stir sticks, and wet paint signs here at 1841 Main Street in Coalmont.

Thank you again volunteers!!! A letter to the editor thanking our volunteers was sent to the Spotlight newspaper together with a photo from the day.

- Bob Sterne and I did some hiking to try to find part of the Bromley Trail. Bob flagged some spots that looked hopeful.