

Cemetery Commission of Charlotte, Vermont
PROPOSED FY2018 BUDGET

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G/L Code	Account Title	\$	Explanation	Reference
1000	Grounds Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mowing \$4,400 • Weed Whacking \$1,600 	\$ 6,000	Additional cost to adhere to industry standard of mowing practices for antique cemeteries	Table 1, Photos 1-3
2000	Fence Repair/Replacement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 368 ft X \$40/ft \$14,720 • Two Gates \$ 1,000 	\$15,720	Replace the chain link fence, front section only, West Burying Ground	
3000	Research/Mapping	\$ 500	Mapping and further research in West Burying Ground	Photo 4
4000	Tree Work/High Trimming	\$ 1,500	Tree work including preventative cabling if necessary	
5000	Headstone Repair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quote from Jeff Kuhn, Kuhn Memorials 	\$ 5,000	Stone repair is ongoing and difficult or impossible to estimate, Jeff Kuhn puts to total to repair the West Burying Ground in excess of \$50,000	Table 2,3
6000	Legal Fees	\$ 0	None anticipated	
7000	Plantings	\$ 0	None anticipated	
8000	Consumable Supplies	\$ 200		
9000	Other	\$ 200	Vermont Old Cemetery Association, Memberships and Meetings	

Total: \$29,120



Photo #1, Light damage, weed whacker

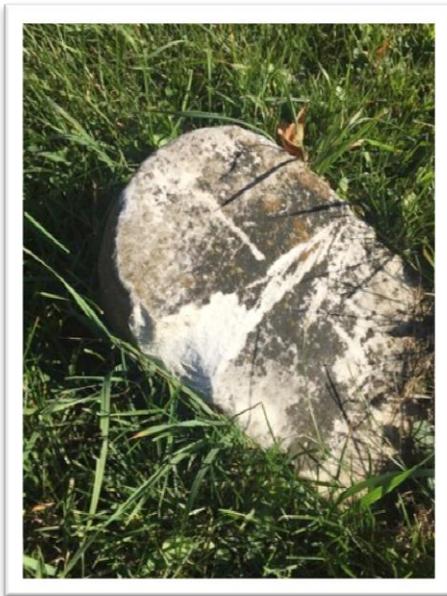


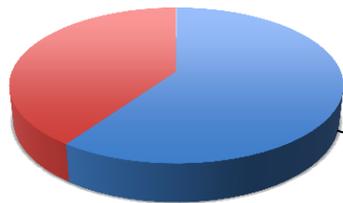
Photo #2, Fallen stones are particularly vulnerable to mowing damage



Photo #3, damage from weed whacking and skid marks from mower tires

West Burying Ground - Mower Damage

No Mower or
Weed
Whacking
Issues
40%



Damaged,
Mower or Weed
Whacking
60%

Table #1

Leaning Stones, West Burying Ground

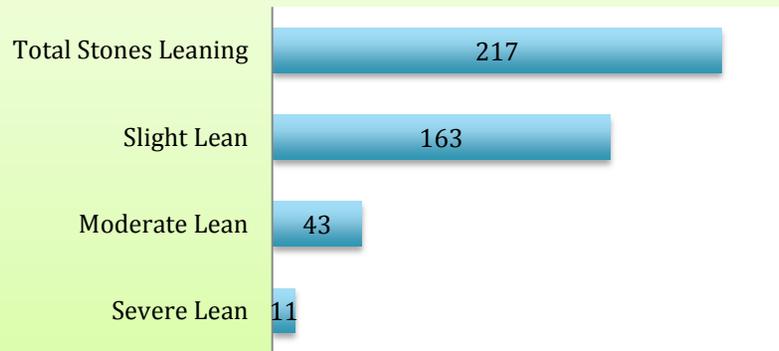


Table #2

Stones Needing Repair

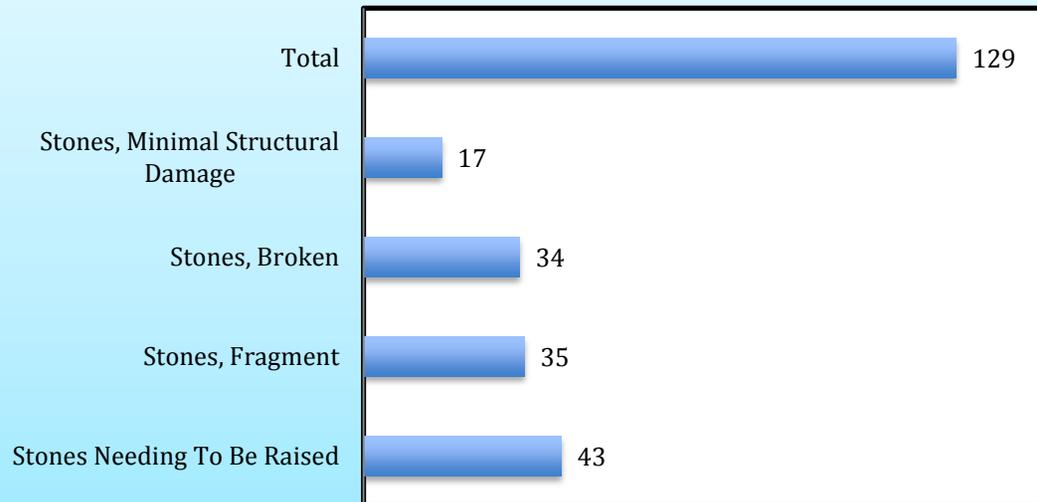


Table #3

Because they will likely break upon impact, Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) recommends that leaning stones are repaired before stones which are already broken.

The cost to correct a leaning stone can vary from \$50 - \$150 per tablet vs. a cost of \$500 each to repair a broken stone. Larger memorials are assessed on a case by case basis.

These estimates are an average and actual costs can vary widely.

References

<http://www.standingstonevt.com/gravestone.html>

<http://www.kuhnmemorials.com/>

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Photo #4 – Aerial View of West Burying Ground Penetrating Radar Findings
835 human remains in total, over 100+ more than previously recognized