

I am running for re-election to the office of Cemetery Trustee to work with my fellow Trustees to manage the town's cemeteries. Pittsfield's open and public cemetery, the Floral Park Cemetery on the corner of Barnstead Road and High Street, was transferred from the Pittsfield Cemetery Association by town meeting approval in 2015. Our town has over 40 cemeteries, mostly small and abandoned family plots on private property, but also a few privately managed church cemeteries, as well.

I would like to continue my office as a Trustee because I enjoy learning the history of the cemetery lots, keeping accurate records on interments, and maintaining prudential management of our taxpayer funds to keep the grounds in good care. My favourite Trustee tasks, by far though, are facilitating cemetery lot sales and assisting with inquires on interments from family members regarding Floral Park Cemetery.

Since 2015, the Trustees have worked to bring the Floral Park Cemetery records in an online database that is on the Town's website. This was a multi-year process that was accomplished with the taxpayers' approval of the software purchase and a wonderful volunteer effort from a Selectwoman to do the lion's share of the lot interment data entry. In the upcoming years, projects would be to improve the lawn conditions, keep the trees in good condition, and look into an appropriately-sized columbarium in the back section of the cemetery off of High Street.

Pittsfield has been my home since 1998, having moved here after graduating from the University of New Hampshire. I have three children in the Pittsfield schools and I believe this is a wonderful community to raise a family. I have worked for the Town of Pittsfield since 2001, as the Administrative Assistant for 14 years, then was promoted to Town Administrator in 2015. This promotion was my proudest career achievement and I am grateful to have been appointed to this important position. In the past 20 years I have had the opportunity to meet and to assist many residents while working the Selectmen's Office. Before working for the town, I was employed by Vachon, Clukay, & Co., in Manchester. At this firm I worked with government and non-profit entities and spent many hours auditing trust funds of various towns and cities across the state.

Currently, I am also Trustee of Trust Funds, having served since first elected in 2003. I was also a member of the Pittsfield Cemetery Association from 2005 to its termination in 2015.

I thank you for your consideration and hope to be re-elected to continue to serve the community in this capacity.