

HIGHLAND MEADOW CEMETERY BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Highland Meadow Cemetery Building Committee consists of four members, Chairman Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Alexander E. Corbett III, Charles R. Johnson all from the Cemetery Commission and Karen Pressey from the Permanent Building Committee. Highland Meadow Cemetery opened in 2007, after 41 years in the waiting, 19 years after the last lot at Belmont Cemetery was sold, after 13 years of planning, design and negotiating.



Members of the Highland Meadow Cemetery Building Committee at the formal dedication on October 20, 2007

The Committee ended our construction contract with Green Acres Landscape in anticipation of completing the final details of the work. Beginning in July, the cemetery was made available to grieving families to fulfill their final burial arrangements but the construction details were not yet complete. We were fortunate to have the cemetery staff joined by other DPW workers for an energetic push to open and dedicate the cemetery. The dedication ceremony was held Saturday, October 20, 2008 with a turnout of some 80 people attending.

The committee expects to conclude its work in the spring of 2008 with the installation of the final signage and replacement of plant material lost during the drought of 2007.

Construction budget of \$1,060,000 will not be exceeded.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen O'Brien Cushman, Chairman