

Doing the right thing by our veterans

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Every now and then a problem presents itself and the solution quickly follows suit.

That was the case in recent weeks when it was announced that the town was failing to maintain the gravesites of veterans, as required under state law. Shortly thereafter, the York and Kittery water districts jumped into action and volunteered to help.

According to the York Water District Superintendent Don Neumann, the decision was a "no brainer." He said his staff and the staff of the Kittery district will help clean up and maintain about a dozen gravesites on their land in town.

Additionally, York Board of Selectman Chairman Mary Andrews has said she will form a committee to look at maintaining the dozens of veterans' gravesites that are located outside of the water district properties — as we have reported, there are an estimated 65 veterans' graves in the 200 or so cemeteries scattered about town.

Andrews already has recruited Selectman Ron Nowell to join her — he was the one who first raised the issue at a May 21 meeting.

It was Parks and Recreation Director Mike Sullivan who first suggested a committee be founded, and we applaud and thank Andrews for taking up the cause. We also thank Neumann and his staff, and the Kittery Water District, for helping out. It's heartwarming to see this problem addressed so promptly and without hesitation.

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