

Info related to Smith Meeting House:

The property was originally laid out as Lot 24 in the 2nd Range of lots for the Town of Gilmanton.

It was originally set aside by the 1765 Town Meeting for school purposes.

In 1774 the Town voted to build a meeting house on the northwesterly part of Lot 24. The meeting house was also used as the church for the Congregational Society.

A cemetery was developed near the meeting house/church on the northwesterly half of Lot 24.

Additionally, the Town built a school on this part of Lot 24.

In 1815 the Town voted to give the First Congregational Society the exclusive right to manage the affairs of the Society including managing the meeting house, the cemetery, and the northwesterly half of Lot 24.

In 1949 the School District of Gilmanton conveyed its interest in the Smith Meeting House school building to the First Congregational Society (Bk 314, Pg 350).

The Town Tax Maps indicate that Tax Lot 414/044, an 18ac Cemetery is owned by the First Congregational Society in Gilmanton (Bk 3394, Pg 525) and is exempt from taxation. Tax Lot 414/045, a 4.1ac lot containing the School and Meeting House (Bk 3394, Pg 525) is also exempt from taxation.

Smith Meeting House Cemetery is shown as site #18.

Established: May, 1776 (History of Gilmanton, pg 301)

First Interment: Mr. Joseph Philbrook (History of Gilmanton, pg 301)

Management: Smith Meeting House Cemetery Association

Veterans: As of February, 2021, there are 185 veteran burials (Veterans Interred in Gilmanton Cemeteries and Burial Sites, American Legion Auxiliary)