

The Sutton Historical Society restoration project for Sutton Center Cemetery started in August of 2019 and was completed in July of 2022. All tolled, 349 stones were reset. Below are before and after photos of three of those.







These are all tablet style gravestones designed to have 1/3rd below surface and 2/3rds above surface with the inscription and artwork.

The tripod and hoist – rated for 1 ton – are vital tools to lift the longer and heavier stone. The longest found, but not photographed, was 99” top to bottom. The heaviest, encircled with concrete was estimated to weight 600 lbs.

The project continues at other cemeteries. If you would like to ask about or see the process, we can be contacted through the Sutton Historical Society website or through the Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor Cemetery Conservation Ambassadors.

