

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- February 10, 2009

Present Jill Young
 Thomas Belcher
 Bernetta Mackenzie

Guests Shelagh Clough

Jill Young called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

The minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted with the following correction; page 1, paragraph 4, sentence 4, change “ Duds Shrubs” to “Dubs Shrubs”.

It was noted that Mr. Schnare had not come to get the moneys released from his bond at this time. A letter has been sent informing Mr. Schnare that the bond has been released and he may pick up the money at his convenience.

A letter was sent to Mr. Gagnon to inform him that the Trustees have accepted his bid for the maintenance of the cemeteries. He shall review his insurance policy with the Town Administrator.

The Trustees voted to move the March Cemetery Trustees meeting to March 17, 2009 at 7:00p.m. as the scheduled meeting falls on the date of the Town Election. At that time the Trustees will discuss the possibility of putting out a bid for the removal of trees in the cemetery.

Jill noted that the prisoners have been scheduled for the weeks of May 18 through May 22 and October 19 through October 23.

Jill noted that she had received a call from Susan Barrett form Boston about a military funeral this weekend. This can not be accommodated at this time of year. Mrs. Barrett stated that she would like the funeral around June 15, 2009. The funeral director was contacted and he noted that the funeral would be in either June or September. The burial will take place in Evergreen Cemetery at lot 223.

Shelagh Clough approached the Trustees with an inquiry about the wall at Sunnyside Cemetery. She wanted to know whom the owner of the wall was and how the Town had acquired it. Jill explained that the Town had acquired the wall when it was discovered that the property markers were missing from the property that abuts the cemetery and the owner of that property agreed to do a property line adjustment. The Town is required by law to provide and maintain a wall around the cemetery. The Selectmen at that time were Joseph Cuddemi and Bruce Edes. Mrs. Clough was directed to the Town Administrator for a copy of the RSA that governs the maintenance of the cemetery walls. Mrs. Clough expressed concern about the Town’s obligation

to repair the cemetery wall. It was noted that the Town is required to maintain the wall. In the past, minimal repairs have been done to keep the wall in order. Major repairs are now needed. It was suggested that the Trustees walk the cemeteries in the spring to check for problems.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustees Recording Secretary