

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- January 14, 2014

Present Jill Young
 Karen Bartlett

Guests Valerie Germain, Trustee of the Trust Funds
 Joshua Segal

Karen Bartlett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Valerie Germain presented worksheets to the Trustees showing the investment funds that have been accumulating in the Cemetery accounts. It has been discovered that there is approximately \$15,000 accumulated in perpetual care. It was noted that the Bennington cemeteries do not have perpetual care, but it appears that the lots have been being set up that way without the knowledge of the Cemetery Trustees. Karen Bartlett will contact Terry Knowles about this to find out what should be done and if there is any way that the monies could be accessed for use in the cemeteries other than individual lots. A check from New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has been received. The original check was dated in February 2013 and was delivered in March, but not received by the Trustees until October or November. The check had been reissued as it had apparently been lost. The Administrator will be invited to the Trustee Meeting to answer questions about funding procedures. Valerie has asked that the Trustees sign for the interest gained in the Town funds to be turned over to the general funds to help cover cemetery expenses. There was a question that if the money for cemetery up-keep was budgeted and obtained by taxes, does the money gained by interest need to be put in the general fund or can it be used for other cemetery projects. The Trustees agreed to wait to sign for the interest until after they have spoken to Terry Knowles.

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting. The minutes were accepted as written.

Jill reported that the computer in the office still has no security on it.

Jill reported that Sunnyside Cemetery has no chain on it. She observed two young boys climbing over the fence and did not want to encourage this behavior. A reminder will be sent to the school noting that children are not allowed to play or sled in the cemeteries.

The Trustees thanked Mr. Segal for his work on the cemetery signage. Mr. Segal also reported that it may be possible to obtain a grant from the Moose Plate Program.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary