

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Cemetery Trustees
Minutes of the Meeting- March 18, 2014

Present Jill Young
 Karen Bartlett
 Joshua Segal

Jill Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Karen Bartlett, in her capacity as Assistant Town Clerk, swore in the newly elected Cemetery Trustee, Joshua Segal.

The minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Karen Bartlett reported to the Trustees about a letter she has received from Terry Knowles pertaining to the perpetual care monies. Only the interest earned from perpetual care may be used and this may only be used for each individual lot which has perpetual care. The Trustees will need to calculate the amount spent on each lot to be able to access the interest. Karen Bartlett also shared a print-out she received from Trustee of the Trust Funds, Valerie Germain. This print-out shows the amount of perpetual care monies for each lot. The Trustees had questions about who handles the money and recording when a lot is purchase from the town. It was noted that some lots have perpetual care and others do not. The Trustees agreed to meet for a work session on March 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to calculate costs per lot and update cemetery maps.

It was noted that the Trustees have received money to better Sunnyside Cemetery. It was suggested that work could be done on the gate and some of the markers could be straightened. Joshua Segal agreed to find six gravestones that are in the most need of work. He will also take note of areas which might need loam and seeding. It was suggested that a spring project might be to plant groundcover on the steep slope at Sunnyside Cemetery.

Jill Young will research the Lizzy Holt Special Project Fund to find out the details of how the money could be used. The Trustees are hopeful that this money might be used for Evergreen Cemetery.

It was suggested that the Boy Scouts might be able to do a service project in the cemetery under the supervision of a trained professional. There was a question about insurance for this. Joshua Segal will get some estimates on specialists for work on the grave stones.

The Trustees will look into the possibility of a grant through the Moose Plate Program.

It was noted that a donation has been offered to purchase the needed paint for the cemetery gate. There is a possibility of a community service project to paint the gate. Other spring work includes upgrading the signage at the cemeteries and adding loam and seed were needed. The Trustees will get quotes for the needed loam.

It was noted that the Administrator will be invited to attend the April Cemetery Trustee Meeting to discuss perpetual care funds and how they are set up.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary