

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- April 8, 2014

Present Jill Young
 Karen Bartlett
 Joshua Segal

Guest Denise French, Town Administrator

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

The minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted with corrections.

It was noted that the Trustees have received mail which had different received dates stamped on the envelope and letter. The envelope was clearly addressed to the Trustees but opened.

The Trustees discussed the service project of painting the cemetery gate. Two possible dates were given and the Trustees will check with the individual who will be offered the work to see if he is interested.

Administrator French attended the meeting to discuss the sale of cemetery lots and perpetual care. It was noted that one third of the money for a lot goes to the Town for the property and two-thirds of the money goes to the Trustee of Trust Funds. In 2011 the Cemetery Trustees increased the price of a lot by \$50 which goes to perpetual care. It was noted that the last perpetual care entry found by the Trustees was in 1999. The Trustees questioned why the use of the increase was not discussed with the Cemetery Trustees. Administrator French suggested that the Trustees check into minutes and with the Trustees of Trust Funds as she did not have answers. It was also suggested that the Trustees check in the Town Reports. It was noted that the sale of lots ceased to be printed in the Town Reports in 2000. It was noted that the Trustee of Trust Funds has received two checks for lots that were sold. As the Cemetery Trustees did not know of any lots that have been sold and it was suggested that these might be old checks. Administrator French will research this. Administrator French indicated that when an individual pays for a lot, the money goes into the general fund. The Town then gives a check to the Trustees of Trust Funds. A Formal invitation to all three of the Trustees of Trust Funds on Town letterhead will be sent out.

In other business it was noted that there are markers that are in need of repair. Mr. Segal will get estimates on work on gravestones. He was asked to get three bids on the work. The Trustees suggested making an annual repair schedule. Mr. Gagnon will be asked his opinion of which trees are in the most need of removal in each of the cemeteries.

A second check has been received from the Charitable Trust for the improving and bettering of Sunnyside Cemetery. The Trustees plan to use money toward repairing the gate, stone repair, ground cover, and tree removal.

The Trustees have been working on the perpetual care recording in Sunnyside Cemetery for the past two weeks. Good progress has been made and they feel that it will be completed in the next session. Karen Bartlett will continue to take minutes for the work sessions. The next work session is scheduled for April 22, 2014 at the Town Hall at 3:00 p.m.

It was noted that Cemetery Trustee Training will be held in Concord on June 4, 2014. Jill Young will reserve space in the class for all of the Trustees and the Recording Secretary.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary