

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Meeting- May 13, 2014

Present        Jill Young  
                  Karen Bartlett  
                  Joshua Segal

Guests        Valerie Germain  
                  Mark Mackesey  
                  David Parker

Jill Young called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

The minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved with a minor change.

Jill reported that the cemetery gate will be painted this week.

Joshua reported that he is working on cataloging stones. He also inquired on the amount that was spent on maintenance last year for the two cemeteries. It was noted that Sunnyside Cemetery has to be hand mowed.

The Trustees met with the Trustees of the Trust Funds to discuss perpetual care. The Cemetery Trustees have been working on the perpetual care lots in Sunnyside Cemetery. Joshua asked if the trust fund money that does not appear to be attached to any lot can be used for general use. There are ten or eleven perpetual funds whose name is not found on any lot.

It was noted that the Administrator has said that two checks that have been found will be forwarded to the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Valerie suggested that a protocol be set up as we are moving forward. Valerie asked who decided that perpetual care would not be set up any more. This was done by Philip Traxler when he was a Cemetery Trustee. It was noted that perpetual care that had been set up cannot be gotten rid of. Valerie also noted that she does not know where the money that has been collected is going. She will check with the Town Administrator.