

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

Present Jill Young
 Karen Bartlett
 Joshua Segal

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

The minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

The Trustees discussed the fact that the buyback terms are not listed on the cemetery deeds. The Trustees have been advised not to add this to the rules and regulations as the Selectmen have expressed concern about the length of it. It is also covered by an RSA.

Joshua noted that he is not available for the December meeting. As the holidays can be hectic and there is not likely to be any pressing issues in the winter, the December meeting was canceled.

Joshua will be in contact with Steve Campbell to get a flag holder for Mr. George. Joshua will also e-mail the map of the cemetery to the Town Clerk's office. He is still working on the notebook of Sunnyside Cemetery.

Jill has been doing continued cleaning at Evergreen cemetery.

It was noted that Manuel Edward has expressed concern about a tree that was removed from the cemetery. The tree was dead. Jill gave him permission to replace it with another small tree which is away from the gravestone. It was suggested that it be added to the rules and regulations that no shrubbery be allowed.

It was noted that the prisoners have been working in Milford. They are currently getting \$1000 for 12 prisoners and want to charge more. The possibility of using the prisoners for cemetery work will be revisited in the spring.

It was noted that the Road Agent has said that the trees will be taken care of by the end of the summer. He has ordered the lettering for the gate but has been sick.

Karen noted that Mr. Johnson had spoken to her about the plot for his wife. He would like to have the burial next Saturday. Karen left a message for him stating that he is all set but he may not do the digging for the burial. He was given a contact for the burial.

The bids for the gravestone restoration project were reviewed. It was noted that one of the bids had been opened prior to the Cemetery Trustees receiving it. The bids were sealed and placed in the Town Clerk's safe. The Trustees agreed to hold the bidding time open until the next meeting as Mr. Kaufold has spoken to Jill and noted that he had just received the information.

Karen presented copies of e-mail between the administrator and the Trustee of Trust Funds that were sent to the Town Clerk. The Trustees agreed that they should be copied on the e-mail also. A request will be sent to the Administrator.

The Trustees reviewed the allowed uses for the Lizzy Holt Trust Fund. It may be used in the Evergreen Cemetery for road upkeep as well as other upkeep. It was noted that wording is needed for the Maintenance Fund and it should be worded loosely so that the funds may be used. A possible project is to make a gate for each end of the Evergreen Cemetery.

No information has been received about the cemetery signage from the Catholic Cemetery.

In other business, it was noted that the budget was handed in on time. The Trustees also noted that the conference room is often in need of clearing before the meetings. It would be nice if the room is ready for a meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary