

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- June 10, 2014

Present Jill Young
 Karen Bartlett
 Joshua Segal

Guest Denise French

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

The minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted with minor amendments.

Jill made a motion that the Recording Secretary be paid for time and mileage for attending the Cemetery Trustee training. Karen seconded the motion and all were in favor. Jill also asked if the Trustees would be in favor of giving the Recording Secretary a raise. Jill will address the issue with the Administrator.

Karen gave the Board an overview of the training that she attended. She noted that the training was helpful in determining the price for perpetual care lots. Karen spoke to Terry Knowles and was advised to contact the Town Attorney about recovering the missing cemetery records. When the records have been returned to the Town, Terry will be happy to attend a Cemetery Trustee meeting to be of assistance to the Trustees. Also discussed were forfeiture of lots, "beyond the pale" and a notice that needs to appear in the lot contracts. Handbooks and other materials from the training were given to the Trustees. It was noted that the Trustees are not to move flag holders that are not in the correct locations. They are to contact the Legion and someone will place the flags in the correct location.

Karen thanked Joshua for leading the Memorial Day Cemetery Tour. It was not well attended but that is due to a lack of publicity. The Trustees had asked to have an article in the Town Newsletter but the newsletter did not get mailed out in time. Joshua stated that he would be willing to give another tour.

Administrator French had questions about the repair work on the fence. At this time the fence will be repainted. It cannot be sanded down because of the lead paint that has been used and the delicate condition of the fence. The broken letters are being replaced this year. Money from

the Charitable Trust Foundation can be used for the repair of markers, fence repair and tree work. Joshua will be identifying the five stones most in need of work this year. The Trustees would like to address a number of stones each year. Photos will be included in a bid package when estimates are being collected. After the fence has been repainted, new signage will be put up.

The Cemetery Trustees have received a request for information on a burial. The request is for a site that is protected under the privacy act. Karen will reply to the request in writing.

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