

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

Present Jill Young
 Karen Bartlett
 Joshua Segal

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

The minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Jill reported that the Administrator had called her to verify the payment for the Recording Secretary to attend the Cemetery Trustee training.

It was reported that work on the gate at Sunnyside Cemetery has begun. Both the fence and the gate will be repainted. There is also other work that the Trustees would like done at Evergreen Cemetery.

Jill reported that a large tree came down in Evergreen Cemetery. Jill had received a call from Mr. Kaufold who had been at the cemetery at the time the tree fell. The Town crew has cleaned up the tree. It appears that one stone has been compromised. Three small stones were slid off their bases and the Town crew placed them back in the proper place. It appears that the tree that fell compromised the tree next to it. The Road Agent is going to speak to Ray Lyons to get a price for the removal of that tree. He will also get a price for the rental of a lift. Mr. Lyons is bonded and has a history with work in the cemetery.

Jill noted that she has seen a new sign at the Catholic Cemetery. It was suggested that the Trustees find out how much it would cost to have signage made for the Town Cemeteries.

The Trustees have received a request from the Administrator to update the information posted on the Town Website. The updated information will be given to Melissa Searles who takes care of the website.

The lettering for the Sunnyside Cemetery gate is being ordered. The Road Agent will be attending the next meeting with information for the Trustees.

Joshua noted that he has been working on estimates for the repair of markers. It appears that the repair work will not be as expensive as previously thought. The Trustees discussed the procedure of obtaining the monies for the repairs. The Trustees will obtain at least three estimates and present the request to the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The Trustees will seek out estimates from Mr. Kaufold and Kai Nalenz. Joshua will make a list of individuals to approach for estimates. The Trustees are hoping to keep the expense around \$1,000. The Boy Scouts will also be approached about the possibility of cleaning stones.

The Administrator has contacted Jill about the availability of the prisoners for clean-up in the cemeteries. The price for the prisoners is \$1,000 a week and no meals need to be provided. The Trustees currently have a contract with Jeremy Gagnon that has 2 years left, which includes cemetery clean-up. It was noted that Mr. Gagnon is currently on a two week cycle for the mowing. Joshua reported that there are mower tracks in Sunnyside Cemetery.

Jill noted that she received a call about a pre-paid funeral that the individual now needed the money that they had paid. This is not something that the Trustees would get involved in.

Joshua brought the notebook of pictures and research that he has been doing for Sunnyside Cemetery. The work includes row by row listings with photos of the graves. Joshua is doing a fantastic job and is very much appreciated.

Jill suggested that a listing of the vital statistics of the town up to the restricted dates be created. This would be very helpful.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher