

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting – January 6, 2015

Present Jill Young
 Karen Bartlett
 Joshua Segal

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

The minutes of the November 11, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

It was noted that the lettering for the gate at Sunnyside Cemetery has been delayed due to road work, but will be done.

The bill that was received for the removal of trees was only for the trees that were removed. The bill has been signed for and paid.

It was noted that the Cemetery Rules and Regulations have been updated and do not need to be revised at this time.

The Trustees will highlight the cemetery book that Joshua has produced and use a picture of a gravestone that has been eaten by a tree in the Town Report. The Trustees will make three copies of the notebook to be kept at the Town Hall, the Library, and one for the Trustees. Joshua will get quotes for the printing.

The Trustees received and opened a new bid for the repairs of the grave stones in Sunnyside Cemetery. All bids will be compared and a decision will be made at the February Trustees Meeting. The bids were sealed and placed in the Town Clerk's safe.

The Administrator has noted that there has been a complaint about Sunnyside Cemetery not being cleaned up in the fall. The cemetery was in fact cleaned up and there was a storm shortly after the clean up was done. The Trustees noted that all complaints need to be written and submitted to the Cemetery Trustees so they can be addressed in a timely manner. The Administrator also asked if the contract with Mr. Gagnon included fall and spring clean up or if that is something that the Town can hire the prisoners for. It is part of Mr. Gagnon's contract. When the contract has run out, the job will be reviewed and put out to bid. The Trustees would like to meet with the Selectmen about this.

Mrs. Edes has inquired about the size of her lot. Jill will check in to it and contact Mrs. Edes.

The Trustees of the Trust Funds will send the Cemetery Trustees a cover sheet for the money from the Charitable Trust Fund.

The Administrator has asked about the land that has been given to the town for the use of a cemetery. The land is not conducive to a cemetery without extensive work and investment. The Administrator asked about petitioning the court to change the use. It was noted that this matter has been discussed with Terry Knowles and the Trustees were advised not to pursue it.

It was suggested that at the February meeting Joshua shall be walked through the procedure of the purchase of a lot.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary