

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Meeting- September 8, 2015

Present        Karen Bartlett  
                  Joshua Segal

Guest         Jill Young

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Joshua presented a receipt for the scanning of the Evergreen Cemetery map.

Karen has gotten information from the Assistant Administrator noting that Alpha Graphics has been paid from a line item. The Trustees of the Trust Fund stated that the paperwork had been sent to pay the bill, but have not gotten back to Karen yet as to whether it was paid. It was noted that the Cemetery Trustees are not to authorize payments over the computer. If authorization is needed and cannot wait until the next Trustees meeting, one of the Trustees shall go to the office to sign for it and call another Trustee to do the same. The Trustees shall request payments through the Trustees of the Trust Funds

The Road Agent has the letters for Sunnyside Cemetery's gate. The gate will be taken down, sanded painted and old letters replaced with the new letters.

Joshua brought up the current price of burial sites and proposed looking at raising the rates. Jill noted that many of the citizens of Bennington could not afford to purchase a burial site if the prices were raised. The Trustees looked at the price of cemetery lots in towns with a population close to that of Bennington. It was noted that the trustees need to compare Bennington with towns of the same income level also. The possibility of designated lots for cremations was discussed. Joshua will speak to Terry Knowles about this. It was noted that Bennington has 4 available lots for individuals who cannot afford to purchase a lot. The Cemetery Trustees would offer the lot and the Town would be responsible for the burial. It was noted that the Town cannot demand the burial be a cremation. The idea of an area for cremations was tabled until the next meeting.

Jill has received a text from Mr. Gagnon stating that he is upset about how he has been treated by the Town. The Town denied full payment to him when the Trustees signed for the payment. Mr. Gagnon's contract will be up for the care of the cemeteries and will need to be put out for bid. It

was suggested that the payment amount and date be added to the contract of whoever does the mowing.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Cemetery Trustee Recording secretary