

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- October 6, 2015

Present Karen Bartlett
 Joshua Segal

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

The minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

The Trustees reviewed the statistics from five towns that are comparable to Bennington in both size and income in order to assess the price of cemetery lots. The Trustees agreed to raise the price of a single lot to \$250, which is an average of the price being charged in the towns that were reviewed. It was noted that perpetual care for the lots adds an extra cost, but Bennington no longer offers perpetual care.

Joshua reported that as there is no public body of water on the East side of Evergreen Cemetery, there is no setback or minimum size requirement for a cremains lot. The Trustees may lay out a cremains section on the east side of the cemetery where there is not enough space to provide full burial lots. The lots may be sold as cremains only and each lot can hold 4 sets of cremains. The Trustees can mark out 2 rows of lots noting that if a front row lot is purchased it will require a flat marker. The price for a cremains only lot was not set, but will be lower than that of a full burial lot.

Karen presented copies of the canceled checks made out to Alpha Graphics noting that they have been paid twice. Karen will proceed with a request for reimbursement of \$207.00 from Alpha Graphics. An adjustment will need to be made adding \$133.33 to the Cemetery line item to replace the line item that was used in error. Karen will follow up with Kristie as the remaining funds were charged to a different department. Paperwork was also filled out for the Trustees of Trust Funds to use perpetual care interest money from the Amos Martin account for stone and tree maintenance.

The proposed budget was discussed. Changes were made to the labor line item as well as the stone and tree maintenance line item. It was noted that there are 2 markers down in Sunnyside Cemetery that will need attention.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery trustee Recording Secretary

