

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- November 10, 2015

Present Karen Bartlett
 Joshua Segal

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted with a minor change.

Karen gave an update on Alpha Graphics. At this time nothing has been received. Karen sent a letter a month ago requesting a refund of the duplicate payment. Joshua will contact Alpha Graphics.

The gates to Sunnyside Cemetery have been taken down by the Town Road Department for repair and installation of the new lettering. At this time the gates have not been reinstalled.

The Trustees have received a letter from the Selectmen requesting that the fence around Sunnyside Cemetery be repaired. It is too late in the season to continue painting of the fence. Joshua has walked the perimeter of the cemetery and has noted vandalism, rust and broken fencing. He would like to have a wrought iron specialist evaluate the fence and give the Trustees an estimate for repairs. It was suggested that the Trustees could repair one side of the fencing at a time. There might also be grants available due to the historic nature of the project. The Trustees will report to the Selectmen that they will be looking for estimates in the spring. Karen will work on obtaining estimates and Joshua will research grants.

Joshua has reported that there is 206 feet of available space on the east wall of Evergreen Cemetery for additional cremation lots. This would add an additional 186 lots and still allow space near the west wall for wall maintenance and repairs. In discussing the added rows, it was determined that row one shall be required to have a standard size stone. Rows two and three shall be required to have a flush stone. The suggested fee for a lot near the wall was \$200 and rows two and three were \$160. Joshua also suggested that 20 lots be set aside for special financial need. Karen stated that she agrees that lots are available for financial needs but that they should not be in a designated area for the poor. It was agreed that a larger area would have lots that could be selected on a case by case basis. Joshua suggested that the Trustees lay out a set of 15 lots to begin the new section.

In other business, the bill from Grave Stone Services of New England for stone work done in Evergreen Cemetery was signed for and submitted.

Karen received a request from the Assistant Administrator for clarification of a request for funds from the perpetual care interest form Amos Martin's lot to be used for stone work that has been done. Karen will clarify this to the Assistant Administrator.

It was noted that the Budget Committee has denied the request of adding \$500 to the Cemetery Labor line item. This line item has gone over budget in the past years and it likely to continue to do so.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary