

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

Present Karen Bartlett
 Joshua Segal

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

The minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted with a minor correction.

The Trustees noted that the Sunnyside Cemetery gate has been reinstalled and it looks great. The gates on the cemeteries are now closed and locked for the winter.

The Cemetery Trustees have received a refund check from the over-payment to Alpha Graphics. It will be applied to the Cemetery line item.

Joshua has spoken to a contractor about the fence around Sunnyside Cemetery. The Trustees will continue looking for quotes on fencing repairs and will research possible grants.

It was noted that John Kaufold of Peterborough Marble and Granite does not put in markers for establishing lots. He recommended speaking to a surveyor. The Trustees are proceeding with an area to be used for cremain burials. It was noted that the Trustees should proceed with caution as there is a possibility of burials near the wall that are unmarked. It was suggested that the ground be probed to make sure there are no old burial sites located there. Joshua noted that cremain burials normally only go down about 18 inches and it would not disturb a burial site that might already be there. The Trustees will contact Terry Knowles for further direction.

The Trustees reviewed their 5 to 10 year plan that was requested by the Planning Board. It was finalized and submitted to the Planning Board for use in the Master Plan.

Valerie Germain gave the Trustees an article about the use of interest from perpetual care funds that she received from the Administrator. The Administrator had been concerned about it and had approached the Trustees of the Trust Funds. The Cemetery Trustees had not seen the information.

A reminder was given that Tuesday, December 12, 2015 there will be a budget meeting at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. The Cemetery Trustees will be in attendance.

Joshua asked if New England Grave Stone Services has been paid yet. Karen will check into this.

Karen has written a letter to the Assistant Administrator clarifying information that had been given to her. No response has been received. Karen will ask for an up-to-date detailed expenditure sheet.

Karen has been corresponding with a woman in town who has lost her husband. She may be in need of help with the burial, but is not ready to buy a lot at this time. Her husband has been cremated and the wife will contact the Trustees for burial information and payment options when she is ready.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary