

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- February 17, 2015

Present Jill Young
 Karen Bartlett
 Joshua Segal

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

It was noted that the Cemetery Trustees would be meeting with the Selectmen at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the cemetery bids, cemetery clean-up, and the procedure for complaints to the Cemetery Trustees.

The minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

The lettering for the Sunnyside Cemetery gate is on hold as there is too much snow at this time.

Jill noted that she will contact Mrs. Edes about her lot size. It was noted that there will be a burial in the spring. Jill has contacted the family. Jill noted that there is a need for an official complaint form to be available in the office.

The Trustees discussed the pros and cons of using the prisoners for spring and fall clean-up. It was noted that Jeremy is doing a good job and is still under contract. The nature of the job makes it impractical to hire the prisoners for a seasonal clean-up.

Joshua has gotten bids for the printing of the cemetery notebook. They range from \$150 to \$700 per copy. The Trustees agreed to go with the bid of \$400 from alpha Graphics. Though this was not the lowest bid, it included the assembly of the notebook.

Karen shared a copy of the article that was submitted for the Cemetery Trustees in the Town Report.

The Trustees reviewed the bids for the restoration project. The job will be awarded to Gravestone Services of New England. This was the lowest bid and is known for quality work. Karen will send letters to all the bidders thanking them for their time.

The Trustees discussed the property that had been given to the Town for use as a cemetery. It is not suited for that use. According to Terry Knowles, it is not worth it to go through the court procedure to try to change the use for the Town.

The Trustees walked Joshua through the sale of a plot. Lot 4. Row 11 was sold to Karen Bartlett and check #736 was received.

The meeting was recessed at 7:20 p.m. while the Trustees waited to meet with the Selectmen.

At 8:20 p.m. the Trustees met with the Selectmen. Karen informed the Selectmen of the company that was chosen to do the gravestone restoration. The work will be paid for with money from the NH Charitable Foundation.

The Trustees let the Selectmen know about the cemetery guide book that was made for Sunnyside Cemetery. Three guidebooks will be made for Town use. The Selectmen suggested that a fourth book be made to give to the Historical Society.

The Trustees reviewed the complaint procedure with the Selectmen noting that they need the name of the person filing a complaint so that the Trustees can contact the individual to discuss the problem. The Trustees also discussed the offer of having the prisoners do clean-up work at the cemeteries, the land given to the Town for a cemetery, the need to be notified if lots are purchased from the Town Hall, and the notification of important information to the Trustees. It was noted that a check needed to be re-issued from the NH Charitable Foundation due to it being lost or misplaced prior to the Trustees being informed that any such revenue was available. The check that was received for the cemetery plot was given to the Administrator with the plot information.

Jill informed the Selectmen that she is in fact a resident of Bennington.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Recording Secretary