

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Meeting- March 15, 2016  
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Present        Karen Bartlett  
                  Joshua Segal

Guest         Jill Young

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written. It was noted that the minutes will now include a line stating the date that the minutes were accepted.

Joshua nominated Karen Bartlett as the Chairman. Karen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Karen gave an update about grants for the repair of the fence around Sunnyside Cemetery. The 2016 Moose Grant is not available as each town may only put in one application. A Moose Grant was already applied for by another department in Town. Karen is currently researching a Pepsi Grant and the 2017 Moose Grant. Joshua will also look for other grant possibilities.

It was noted that April 1 is the opening date for the cemeteries unless the ground is too wet.

The Cemetery Trustees have received a bid for the grounds keeping of the cemeteries. The bid was for a three year contract with mowing every 7 to 10 days as needed. The Trustees will ask if the mowing schedule can be changed to every 1 to 2 weeks as needed. The ad for bids will be put in the local paper.

The Trustees thanked Jill Young for her 20 years of service to the Cemetery Trustees and presented her with a gift certificate. Jill has agreed to be available as a resource for the Cemetery Trustees as she is exceptionally knowledgeable about the historical background of the town.

The Trustees discussed the possibilities of cremain burials along the wall of Evergreen Cemetery. It was noted that space for a vault needs to be available if the owner of the lot requests it. There is also a possibility of a problem with proposed lots interfering with the road. The Trustees will ask for guidance from Terry Knowles. It was suggested that the Trustees start the process of reclaiming unused lots in Evergreen Cemetery as well as removing a couple of trees

each years as needed. Another upcoming project is to have the possible cremains area surveyed before the lots are laid out.

The Trustees received a check for \$2,651.54 to be added to the Sunnyside Cemetery Fund.

In other business, Karen will call Melissa Clerk, the newly elected Cemetery Trustee to remind her of the next meeting.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary