

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Meeting- July 11, 2017  
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Present        Karen Belcher, Chairman  
                  Joshua Segal

Chairman Belcher called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

The minutes of the June 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Karen gave an overview of the Annual Cemetery Meeting which she attended. She noted law changes that were discussed. HB 1181 allows Cemetery Trustees to now have up to two alternates. There is also a House Bill to set up funding for a burial data base. Information was also presented noting that the price of a lot may also include the corner markers for that lot. Joshua made a motion to raise the price of a cemetery lot to include the placement of corner markers which have the lot number on them pending approval of the Selectmen. Karen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Karen gave a short overview of the green burial presentation she attended. It was noted that Bennington currently does not allow green burials in their cemeteries.

As Melissa Clark did not attend the meeting the Trustees did not have all the information on the cemetery fencing repairs. At this time it does not appear that there is a lot holding the fence ing up on the Bible hill side of Sunnyside Cemetery. It may be a possibility of taking the fence down this year. The fencing project was put on hold until the next meeting.

The Trustees authorized the payment of a bill from Copies and More. A bill from Peterborough Marble and Granite was reviewed. It was noted that the billing price was different from the contracted price. Peterborough Marble and Granite has been contacted and the error is being corrected. A new bill will be sent out. Joshua noted that one of the stones repaired was stable but not aesthetically pleasing. There are also two stones that Joshua noted still need repair. The Trustees continued their meeting at Sunnyside Cemetery where they viewed the repairs to the stones and the condition of the fencing.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary