

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Meeting- April 12, 2108  
Minutes approved on May 15, 2018

Present        Karen Belcher, Chairman  
                  Joshua Segal

Chairman Belcher called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

The minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Joshua asked if the May Trustees meeting could be moved to May 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. As there was no objection to this, the May meeting will be moved to May 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Belcher will inform the Trustees and post a notice on the Town Hall bulletin board.

The Trustees discussed the possible length of time that items should be allowed on gravesites. They reviewed some regulations from other towns. Rather than noting a specific length of time for items, the Trustees felt it fair to say that “after Veterans Day items are subject to disposal.” It was suggested that a common practice of placing removed items by the shed or other designated area should be adopted.

Chairman Belcher noted that the annual article for the transfer of funds received from lots purchased in 2017 passed by an 81% voter approval. Chairman Belcher noted that she met with the Selectmen to discuss the money left for the Cemetery Trustees for use in both cemeteries. The money should not have been sent to the Trustees and will be returned to the source to be deposited with the NH Charitable Foundation.

In other business the Trustees worked on a list of items they would like to work on in 2018. This list includes the removal of the cemetery fencing on the Bible Hill Road side of Sunnyside Cemetery and making a plan for the care of the trees in the cemeteries. Chairman Belcher suggested that the Trustees involve the Selectmen in the listing of the trees as two of the Selectmen have extensive tree knowledge. Joshua suggested that removed trees can be replaced with Norway Spruce trees as they stay smaller and more manageable. The next meeting shall include work on the Cemetery Rules and Regulations as well as election of officers.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary