

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- May 15, 2018
Minutes accepted on June 12, 2018

Present Karen Belcher, Chairman
 Joshua Segal
 Melissa Clark
 Bethany Craig, Alternate

Chairman Belcher called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting were reviewed and accepted with a minor correction.

The Trustees discussed the past weekend's burial and problems that had occurred with it. It was noted that Chairman Belcher met with Mr. Keenan prior to the burial. There was a discrepancy about what lot the burial was to take place in and the exact location within the correct lot. Chairman Belcher reminded the grave digger that it is his responsibility to protect the area, re-loam and seed. After that burial had been completed, inspection of the area revealed trench marks across other lots and no seeding had been done. The grave digger was called about repairing the damage and completing the job. Chairman Belcher was met with resistance, but Mr. Keenan did agree to return to seed the area. Chairman Belcher proposed that a letter be sent to the funeral home to discuss the problems and concerns of the Trustees. It was noted that Mr. Carson has inquired if there has been an issue with his work that he was not aware of as he has been the only grave digger for the Town of Bennington for many years. Mr. Carson was assured that he has provided excellent service to the town and it was the choice of the funeral home to hire another individual.

In other business, the need to remove part of the fencing on the Bible Hill Road side of Sunnyside Cemetery was discussed. A section of this fencing has come down and the Highway Department was not able to remove it over the winter. Melissa Clark will contact the Highway Department to get this work done before there are any injuries from it.

The Trustees reviewed part of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and made some corrections. It was noted that when the Trustees have completed updating the Rules and Regulations they will be sent to the Selectmen for review.

In other business, Chairman Belcher noted that she spoke to Selectman Cleary about having the Selectmen with tree knowledge make a list of the trees in each cemetery that will need work.

Bethany Craig updated the Trustees on the Girl Scout project of placing the flags on the graves for Memorial Day. The Scouts have purchased new flags and will be putting them out Thursday after school. It was determined that the price of the flags could be reimbursed from the Patriotic line item. It was also determined that since there are flag holders that are in need of replacement, a few should be done each year. Chairman Belcher made a motion to apply \$200 toward new flag holders. Melissa Clark seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Joshua Segal made a motion to accept Karen Belcher as Chairman of the Cemetery Trustees. Melissa Clark seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustees Recording Secretary