

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- August 14, 2018
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Present Karen Belcher, Chairman
 Joshua Segal
 Bethany Craig, Alternate

Chairman Belcher called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Bethany Craig was made a voting member of the Cemetery Trustees for the meeting.

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

Karen Belcher updated the Trustees on a discussion that she had with Chris from the Highway Department about the trees in Evergreen Cemetery. The Highway Department will help remove some of the trees that need to be removed. It was noted that there are a few trees that may need special attention and that will be hired out.

A veteran's stone was delivered to the Town Hall. The Highway Department placed the stone for the Trustees. The wife of the veteran questioned the placement of the stone as it is at the head and not the feet. There were no other markers placed on the site. It was suggested that the Trustees not move the stone until there are corner stones and a headstone in place.

In other business, a request has been received to sell lots back to the Town. The lots (row 10, lot 5 + 6) were purchased in 2002. In 2012 the ownership was changed to joint ownership between sisters. In 2017 ownership was changed solely to Nancy Pearsons, who now wants to sell the lots back to the Town. The original price paid to the Town was \$150 per lot. A check for \$300 will be requested for Nancy Pearsons.

A request was also received from the fiancé of Robert McArthur asking who is buried in their lots and how many spaces are left. Some of the lots that were purchased by Robert McArthur have been given to other people. As the person who requested information is not the deed holder, this was tabled. It was noted that the Trustees need to work on updating the deeds to include the number of burials allowed.

The Trustees reviewed a request for second payment on the mowing contract. Joshua Segal made a motion to approve payment. Bethany Craig seconded the motion and all were in favor. The request for payment was signed and submitted for payment.

The Trustees worked on a request for Cemetery mowing bids. This will include mowing of both Evergreen Cemetery and hand mowing of Sunnyside Cemetery as well as Fall and Spring clean-up. An ad will be placed in the local paper to run twice as well as on the Town website and Facebook. The due date for bids was set for September 18, 2018.

As the next scheduled Cemetery Trustee meeting is on voting Day, the meeting will be changed to September 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

It was noted that Terry Knowles has retired and there was no Trustee training this Spring. There will be an Annual Conference on November 14 and 15.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary