

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- June 11, 2019
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Present Karen Belcher
 Joshua Segal

Chairman Belcher called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

The minutes of the April 9, 2019 and April 30, 2019 meetings were tabled as the Trustees did not have a quorum of members who were in attendance at the meetings present.

Joshua reported that Mr. Kaufold has completed the stonework in the cemeteries and it looks good. At this time the condition of the grave markers are relatively good. It was noted that the mowing and clean-up at both cemeteries looks very nice.

Chairman Belcher noted that she will order the corner stones for the Whitney lot. She also suggested that the Trustees have a work session to update the cemetery maps.

Chairman Belcher noted that she walked both cemeteries with Mr. Chicoine, the groundskeeper, to get an idea of the work that needs to be done. Sunnyside Cemetery needs loam and seeding as well as many bushes cut back or removed. If the Trustees could rent a stump grinder, there are a number of stumps in both cemeteries that could be removed. Evergreen Cemetery has many tree limbs and branches in need of trimming as well as ruts that need to be filled and re-seeded. It was noted that it takes Mr. Chicoine about 6 hours to mow Evergreen Cemetery and 4 1/2 hours to mow Sunnyside Cemetery. It was proposed that Mr. Chicoine focus on the work needed in Evergreen Cemetery at this time. The Trustees will work on getting a load of loam to be used in the cemeteries. The Trustees will do work in Sunnyside Cemetery as they are able. It was noted that there is some funding that is available for the Trustees to use for beautification in the cemeteries. Chairman Belcher made a motion to use some of the perpetual care interest in the cemeteries to offset the mowing and maintenance costs. Joshua seconded the motion and all were in favor.

It was noted that the cemeteries look beautiful. Chairman Belcher stated that the mowing bill was sent only to her as Administrator LaPlante said that she could not send it to the other Trustees. The bill was signed for approval on June 1, 2019. The check was cut on May 29, 2019. The Trustees suggest that there be a 10 day turnaround for payment.

The Trustees discussed the possibility of using fencing from the back of Sunnyside Cemetery to replace the broken fencing in the front of the cemetery. Chairman Belcher will contact John Giffin about this.

Chairman Belcher made a motion that the July Trustees' meeting be used as a work session to learn how to clean stones and possibly do work on the bushes in Sunnyside Cemetery. The meeting will be scheduled at a time that works for the Trustees and not a regular meeting time. Joshua seconded the motion and all were in favor. Chairman Belcher will notify the Trustees of the time and date of the work session as well as post a public notice.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary