

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- October, 10, 2023
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Present Robert Christian, Chairman
 Karen Belcher
 Kelly St Pierre

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

The minutes of the September 12, 2023 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

It was noted that there have been two burials in Evergreen Cemetery. One in the Hugron plot and also Bruce Paige.

The Trustees discussed the price of corner stones and the option of having two checks written at the time of purchase. One check could be written to the Town for the plot and the other to Peterborough Marble and Granite for the corner stones. Presently the money for the corner stones is non-refundable and is noted as such on the deed. This discussion was tabled.

As of yet there have been no quotes received for the tree work in the cemetery. There are a number of trees that need attention in the back of Evergreen Cemetery. The Trustees will find out who owns the property some of them are located on as they are believed to be on or near the cemetery lot line.

Rob reported that he has not gotten any quotes for the fencing yet.

Karen will contact the Town about getting loam for both cemeteries. The Trustees would like to get at least one load of loam for each cemetery and one or two bags of grass seed. Rob made a motion to purchase two bags of grass seed and three loads of loam. Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mr. Chicoine would also like to have a copy of the key to the cemetery shed. Karen indicated that Mr. Chicoine will be keeping his prices the same for next year. It was noted that the Selectmen would like the area in front of the cemeteries to be trimmed when the mowing is done. Rob has asked for a clearer definition of the allowable uses of the line items in the Cemetery budget. Karen will get this information for the next meeting.

It was noted that the Cemetery Trustees would like to meet with the Trustees of the Trust Funds. It has been difficult getting together with the Trustees of the Trust Funds as they do not have regular meetings.

The Cemetery Trustees reviewed the budget and Rob made a motion to keep the budget the same with a request to incur the amount of the tree line that has not been used for next year's tree work. Karen seconded the motion and all were in favor.

It was noted that the Cemetery Trustees would like to put a notice on Facebook and the Town Newsletter asking that people who have purchased a cemetery lot prior to 2020 bring their copy of the deed to the Town Hall so that records can be up-dated. Kelly will make sure the request is put on the Town Website, Facebook and the Town Newsletter.

It was noted that the mowing bill has been paid and there will be one more mowing bill for the season as well as fall clean-up.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary