TOWN OF BENNINGTON CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Minutes of the Meeting- April 9, 2024

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Present Karen Belcher

Melissa Clark

Guest Robert Christian

Melissa Clark was sworn in as a Cemetery Trustee.

Karen Belcher called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

The minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting were tabled.

The Cemetery Trustees received a letter of resignation from Kelly St Pierre. The resignation was accepted and the Cemetery Trustees discussed possible candidates to fill the vacant position. Karen Belcher will draft a letter for the selectmen asking that Robert Christian be appointed as Cemetery Trustee for the term of one year.

As Melissa Clark has been a Cemetery Trustee in the past, she has a good idea of what the Trustees do. Karen brought her up to speed on the changes since Melissa was on the Board.

It was noted that there is adequate funds in the tree line budget and that the Trustees should make a note of the tree work that will need to be scheduled this year. The Trustees will hold their May meeting at Evergreen Cemetery so that they can walk the cemetery and make a list of work that needs to be done. James Cleary will be invited to the meeting to help identify possible tree work.

Rob Christian expressed concern about the gate at Sunnyside Cemetery as the plow has continued to push snow against it. It was also noted that the Eaton Avenue side of the Sunnyside Cemetery fence will need attention soon.

Other items that should be looked at for the upcoming season are, more loam for groundskeeping, road repair at Evergreen Cemetery, and an inspection of the stone wall at Evergreen Cemetery. It was also noted that the password for the Cemetery Trustees' email should be changed.

As the Cemetery Trustees do not currently have a full board, the election of officers was tabled.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Debra Belcher

Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary