TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- May 14, 2024
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Present   Karen Belcher
               Melissa Clark
               Robert Christian

Guest   Thomas James, Selectman

Prior to calling the meeting to order Robert Christian was sworn in as a Cemetery Trustee.

Karen Belcher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Evergreen Cemetery.

It was noted that Mr. Zachos will be buried on May 25, 2024.

Karen has had an inquiry about the Bonnel lot from the Bonnel's son and daughter-in law. She would like to put relative's cremains in the lot, but could not find the deed. Karen has located the deed and notified the family.

The Trustees walked the cemetery to get an idea of the tree work that is needed. There are a few trees in the front of the cemetery that should be removed and trimming on the side and back of the cemetery as well. The Trustees will put up ribbons to identify the trees in question before quotes are asked for. Melissa will get quotes from at least three companies.

The Trustees discussed the condition of the road in the cemetery. Selectman James noted that the Road Crew might be able to patch the road as it is not in terrible condition. Robert Christian suggested that the Cemetery Trustees have a Capital Reserve line for road maintenance.

Other items that were notes were the need to replace the signage at the entrances of the cemetery, possible repairs to the stone wall in front of the cemetery, and the need for lime and fertilizer. It was suggested that the cemetery get more loam delivered. The Town has loam available, but it would need to be screened as it has glass and debris in it. Karen noted that a key needs to be made for Mr. Chiccoine to allow him to use the shed. The Trustees also need to contact the Gibbons family and the Osborne family about the dead shrubs on their lots.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary