

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- May 13, 2025
Minutes accepted on June 10, 2025

Present Karen Belcher
 Melissa Clark
 Robert Christian, Chairman

Guest Tammy Blanchette

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Tammy Blanchette was present to purchase a lot in the Evergreen Cemetery. Karen Belcher reviewed the process for selling a lot for the other Trustees. Tammy was interested in purchasing lot 2 located in row 20. The price for the lot is \$545 which includes 4 corner stones. This lot can contain 2 full burials or 8 cremains. It was noted that Tammy is not a resident of Bennington. The Cemetery Rules and Regulations state that you must be a resident of Bennington to purchase a lot. The Trustees discussed whether to allow the purchase of a lot. Karen expressed a concern that the number of lots left for sale is limited. Melissa and Rob noted that Tammy had lived in town and her family is buried there. A vote was taken of whether to allow the purchase or not. The vote was 2- yes, 1- no (Melissa and Rob- yes, Karen-no). The lot was sold to Tammy. A copy of the Rules and Regulations was given and the corner stones will be ordered after payment has been received.

It was noted that Joyce Miner has been buried and Ken Miner will be buried this weekend.

It was noted that the Cemetery Trustees need to talk to the Selectmen about a plan for expanding the cemetery. At present there are about 28 available lots that can be sold.

The minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

In other business, it was noted that George Chicoine will take care of the stumps at the cemetery. It was also noted that the tree work done in 2024 was not completed in time for last year's funds to take care of it. There currently is \$2,500 left in the budget for tree work. Melissa will talk to the office about it. Other work that should be considered is maintenance on the fence and painting. The Trustees will talk to the Selectmen to see if some of the work could be done by volunteers.

At this time only Rob can sign in to the Cemetery email account. Rob will check to see if it can be changed so that all can get into it.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary