

Trustees of the Cemetery Trust Meeting

Minutes

11/13/09

Attendees: Barbara McClure, David Haeger, Bill Stockman, Kathy Pounder & Betsy McCarthy	
Topic	Follow-up
<p>Budget The budget has been put on hold due to further discussion needed regarding the mowing of the cemetery. We are currently over budget by \$729.16 through the end of October. One of the reasons is that the cemetery mowing is being performed more frequently than we had expected. It was supposed to be done three times per summer and a fall clean-up in October. It was stated that the mowing is currently being done every other week. We need to investigate why the frequency of the mowing has increased and / or the workload has changed, i.e. additional markers to work around. There was also a discussion regarding putting the mowing job out for a bid. The mowing is currently paid partially by the trust fund interest and partially by the Town.</p>	The Selectmen will follow-up on the overall mowing initiative.
<p>Mapping All markers, sprayed with white paint, have been put in place by Bill.</p>	Bill will follow-up by stenciling numbers on these markers with black paint.
<p>Cornerstones Arthur's Monuments in No. Conway and Barnicoat Monuments in Albany are charging \$150 for the stone installation and lettering. Laconia Monuments is charging \$240 for the stone installation and lettering. We are charging residents \$160.</p>	Darlene will follow-up with Barnicoat.
<p>Mapping out Roads The need for new roads was discussed. It was decided that new roads were not necessary at this time.</p>	None required.
<p>Maintenance The monument company had put a stone on the wrong foundation. The bench was moved to rectify this situation.</p>	None required.
<p>Buying Back Cemetery Plots There was a plot bought back from a resident with a stone in between the two lots. It was not known at the time that the stone was present.</p>	None required.
<p>Cemeteries on Private Property Inquiry There was an inquiry from a resident regarding the creation of a cemetery on their private property. The outcome of the discussion was that if it met the planning and zoning requirements of the town, it is acceptable. One of the requirements is that it must not be within 50 feet of either water or a building.</p>	Resident to be referred to the Planning / Zoning Board.

<p>Cremation Placements We do not currently always know specifically where, within a family plot, cremations are placed. This is due to us not always being notified when a cremation is placed in the plot. Occasionally we only find out when we get the death certificate. We need to enforce the rule that no cremations should be buried without prior permission. We need to know the name of the deceased and the specific measurements of the burial. We need to require improved communication with the monument companies and the funeral home directors.</p>	<p>Bill will follow-up with the monument companies and the funeral directors.</p>
<p>Sale to Non-Residents There has been a purchase request from a non-resident with family members buried in the Town Cemetery. The question of whether or not we should make exceptions for individuals that have family members buried in existing plots was discussed. There were also other scenarios discussed, i.e. individuals that previously paid taxes to the Town, individuals that live in the Town but do not pay taxes.</p>	<p>The existing request has already been informally approved by a Town representative. The Trustees need to follow-up to resolve the issue of whether these exceptions will continue to be made.</p>
<p>Investment Interest The investment interest currently goes into the maintenance fund. The capital gains are applied back to the individual plots.</p>	<p>None required.</p>
<p>Wall Rocks There are rocks falling off of the wall in the old part of the cemetery. The French Cemetery has a fallen stone which the State was going to repair, however it has not been done.</p>	<p>The \$500 in the restoration fund will be used to repair the wall in the old part of the cemetery in the spring. There needs to be a follow-up with the State regarding the French Cemetery.</p>
<p>Cemetery Rules and Regulations Changes needed to be made include stated prices to be changed to “current market prices” and possibly a maximum of 8 plots purchased per family.</p>	<p>Dave to send the document to Kathy. Barbara to send other changes to Kathy.</p>