Cemetery Trustees February 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm

Present were Chairman Susan Weeks, members Guy Pike and Peter Sluski. Members of the public in attendance were David Smith, Scott Thompson, Richard Thompson, and Amy Glidden.

Minutes of 3 Jan 17 were approved as written.

The Selectmen declared to be abandoned on 9 Jan 17 the list of cemetaries provided by the Trustees. It was unanimously decided to ask attorney Puffer if permission was granted by a descendant, would the abandonment procedure be necessary? Also, would that permission be automatically void should that person expire?

A proposal from Nat King Stoneworks to rebuild the French Cemetary was reviewed. The detailed proposal cited a complete rebuild including removing and stumping of trees. Since the expense is greater than \$10,000 it was decided to consider it for a warrant article in 2018.

The Thompson family came in to express their concerns that the Thompson-Moulton Cemetery had been declared "abandoned". Much of the concern centered around the manner in which future Cemetery Trustees and/or Town officials might consider the maintenance of the cemetery. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Trustees would have their attorney draft a document affirming the Thompson family's ownership and right to maintain the cemetery in case of any future issues.

A letter was sent to Lord's funeral home and Concord Crematorium advising them of the cemetery rules and regulations. No responses have been forthcoming.

The Trustees received a letter from the International Cemetery Association advising that we could join them.

Two lots are being sold to Richard and Ann Haley. A copy of the new deed is being sent to Attorney Puffer to insure that it meets the requirements of a binding contract.

The Fire Department has donated two filing cabinets which will eventually be placed in the basement. A work session will be required to sort and move old files to the new location at some point.

Noting that public input and/ or suggestions are always welcome, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM

Submitted by Guy Pike, Secretary, Cemetery Trustees