

Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2017

Meeting opened at 5:30 PM

Present were Charlotte Allen, Guy Pike and Chairman Susan Weeks. Mark Eldridge arrived later.

The minutes of May 2, 2017 were approved as written.

Sue updated that she had received 3 applications for the Sexton's position currently being filled by Guy. Two applicants were scheduled for interviews but failed to attend. Nothing happening on the Chiappisi buy-back at this time. A letter was sent to the Selectmen concerning the next round of cemetery abandonment but no official response has been received. It was agreed to modify the layout of fencing to be replaced soon.

Guy updated that he had set corner markers for Honeycutt and Haley and that he had relocated markers for Haslett as it was discovered that the initial layout was incorrect. Linda Graham's stone has been set. Guy met with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Paulson to show them their plot and corner markers. Guy is coordinating with the Rice family to inter the cremated remains of Mrs. Connie Rice on Saturday, June 10. Also, he noted that Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Thayer would like to remove and dispose of two shrubs which have overgrown a family marker. The Board is in total agreement to allow them to **do** this. Guy provided maps of the suggested route to the Chiappisi gravesite located on the property of Max LeDoux on Durgin Road.

Sue reviewed changes to the State Cemetery rules which were highlighted at today's Trustees Seminar. Guy and Charlotte will attend the June 19 seminar for a more in depth discussion.

Invoices from Salmon Press (Sexton position), Calico graphics (Cemetery Regulation signs) and Tru Green (fertilizing) were approved for payment.

This led to the discussion of the value of scheduled fertilizing. Last year was dry and the grass suffered from over fertilizing. This year's constant rain has allowed the fertilizer to work too well! It was decided to inquire from local companies about possibly fertilizing upon request.

With multiple complaints from citizens on lack of mowing at the Town House Cemetery Mark Eldridge voiced concerns about the budget and of course, the rain. Discussion led to the Trustees asking Mark to mow as often as possible to maintain the cemetery at a level acceptable to the public.

From the seminar it was decided to create a set of bylaws for the Cemetery Trustees business. Charlotte start this with input from Guy and Sue. Also from the seminar it was reinforced that Funeral Directors must work hand in hand with the Trustees for interments. Since several have occurred without notice it was recommended that we have our Attorney notify the various funeral directors that are commonly used.

It was decided to try and interview applicants for the Sexton position at the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 13.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Public input/ attendance is always welcome.

Submitted by Guy Pike, Secretary, Cemetery Trustees