



CEMETERY TRUSTEES
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MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Sunday, January 12, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Chair David Gill, Paul Hayden, Dick Rugg

Also Present: Kevin Van Etten, Sexton

Chair Gill opened the Cemetery Trustees meeting at 10:05 a.m. A roll call was taken by the Chair; he announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Cemetery By-Laws

Chair Gill opened the public hearing to comments. Carolyn White addressed the Board, thanking them for the work they have done with the cemetery and the changes that have been made. Mrs. White informed the Board that she felt it was “utterly preposterous” to have a public hearing on a Sunday morning. She asked the Board to cancel the public hearing and reschedule it for another time when the public had been notified. Mr. Rugg added that he did not believe the public hearing was duly posted, or in a paper of general circulation within the community; he just received his final version of the by-laws at 10:00 a.m. As far as he was concerned, the whole thing was a sham. As a member of the Board, Mr. Rugg stated that he was leaving the meeting and not participating in the public hearing.

Mrs. White and Cynthia Smith had several concerns:

- I. Purchase of Burial Space, Item A: An elderly resident moved to a care facility should be able to purchase burial space in Greenland. This will be revised in the by-laws allowing residents to purchase burial space if they have moved to a care facility or home of a family member specifically for assisted living.
- II. Interments, Item A: Who notifies the Trustees or Sexton? They would like this made clearer.
- IV. Monuments and Markers, Item B: Add the word “in” after “included”.
- V. Landscaping, Item A: Would like to be able to plant flowers at footstones. “No ground planting is authorized around footstones” will be removed.

After a discussion regarding additional changes they wanted, Chair Gill stated that he was concerned with making the right decisions for the cemetery and residents. Although he was willing to listen to their concerns and take them into consideration, he was not willing to make changes right now. He continued that the by-laws would be presented at Town meeting, rescinding those from 1957.

- VII. General Rules, Item G: Mrs. White requested that “unless detrimental to the maintenance of the cemetery” be added. Item G will be removed.
- Mrs. White was pleased that there will be no snowplowing or paving at the cemetery.

- Maple trees being donated by Peter Loughlin and the amount of leaves that will be generated were also discussed.
- Corner markers were discussed. Mr. Hayden explained that they are trying to remap the cemetery. Metal markers will be easier to find using a metal detector.

Chair Gill closed the public hearing at 10:38 a.m. and turned off the recorder. The recorder was turned back on at 11:23 a.m.

WORK SESSION

1. Lot Sales to Include Required RSA 289:18 Statement

Continued to the next meeting; Mr. Rugg left unexpectedly.

2. Review/Comparison: Lot Prices vs. Other Towns

Continued to the next meeting; Mr. Rugg left unexpectedly.

3. Approval of Minutes: Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Chair Gill corrected the date in the motion from “2103” to “2013”.

MOTION: Chair Gill moved to approve the minutes of Tuesday, December 10, 2013 as amended. Second – Mr. Hayden; all in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

4. Other Business

- Referring to the minutes of December 10, 2013, Mr. Hayden confirmed that Mr. Rugg had suggested meetings be held on Sunday mornings.
- Chair Gill suggested that meetings be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00; Mr. Hayden and Mr. Van Etten were in agreement.

MOTION: Chair Gill moved that Cemetery Trustee meetings be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room. Second – Mr. Hayden; all in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

- There is a problem trying to add Mr. Hayden to the bank account. Chair Gill will look into this further for a solution.

5. Topics for Next Meeting

1. By-Laws

6. Review: Boxed Cemetery Documents

The boxed cemetery documents were reviewed after the meeting was adjourned.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: *Chair Gill moved to adjourn. Second – Mr. Hayden; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED*

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 – 7:00 p.m., Public Hearing/Work Session, Town Hall Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted – Charlotte Hussey, Secretary to the Boards

Approved: Tuesday, January 28, 2014