

Andover Cemetery Trustee Minutes 6/15/22

Meeting opened by Chairman Bill Keyser at 4:30 PM. Members present: Bill Keyser, Jim Reed, Beth Frost and associate Cheri Swenson.

The minutes from the regular meeting on 3/15/22 were looked over. Jim made a motion to accept. Bill seconded. All voted to accept.

The minutes from the regular meeting on 4/13/22 were also looked over. Jim made a motion to accept and Bill seconded. All voted to accept.

The minutes from the special meeting on 4/15/22 were also looked over. Beth made a motion to accept and Jim seconded. All voted to accept.

AGENDA

Mowing: We have had an email complaint to the town regarding the mowing at cemeteries; we believe this was based on cemetery conditions before we hired a person to care for the cemeteries. We also received an email praising the condition of Proctor Cemetery. Bill has inspected the work of Anthony Barton and it appears that he is doing a good job.

Stolen Flowers etc: It was reported that flowers were stolen from a site in Proctor Cemetery and also solar lights from Lakeside. It was reported to the police. Bill read to us from RSA 635:7 and 635:8, which states that destruction of cemetery property (including theft) is a Class B Felony. Cheri will write an article for the Andover Beacon regarding this.

Delaney Lot: The sister of Bob Currier, Ms Simpson, wants to sell her lot. (She purchased the lot for \$400). It was discovered that whoever sold lots to Jim Delaney sold part of the Simpson lot in error.. Jim wants to buy another lot. Bill suggested that we charge Jim only \$200 and we pay the other \$200 to Ms Simpson. Jim is agreeable. Jim R made a motion that Jim Delaney pay \$200 and the trustees pay \$200 for the purchase of this lot. Beth seconded. All voted in favor.

Old Business:

Dana is working on putting in the cornerstones that had been missing. Bill walked around Section 7 at Proctor and discovered that there actually are some cornerstones where we thought they were missing....they were embedded in the ground & covered with grass. Cheri asked about having signs for the different cemetery sections; Bill thinks it would mean too many signs.

Water at Lakeside. Jim spoke with Tony French about water. Tony feels that the point is not the way to go. It will just burn out the pump. He suggests we hire someone with an excavator to

dig down deeper (another 15 feet) and install three more well tiles and a check valve and new pump. We should then have as much water as we need. Bill will speak to the new road agent, Frank Bryson to see if the town has an excavator to do this with.

Bill reported that he has checked around for cornerstone prices and we are still getting them the cheapest. The price has gone up \$5....plain now \$165 and initial \$190.

We need to add some items to Sexton's job. Dana has been doing these things anyway,, but they are not currently on the description. We need to add: 1) installing the cornerstones (at ground level so they can be mowed over); 2) Trim small trees etc that need trimming such as obstructing signs.

Cheri has been cleaning around the flat stones for the veterans in the cemetery behind the church. Many have become hidden by grass. She may get some helpers and asked if that is ok. All agreed she can do this.

New Business:

Next month the town administrator, Marj Roy, will attend our meeting to go over the Procurement Policy with us.

Motion made by Jim and seconded by Beth to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth E Frost, Sec'y