

Cemetery Trustee Minutes 8/17/22

Meeting opened at 7 PM. Cheri Swenson, Jim Reed and Beth Frost were present.

Minutes from 5/23/22 and 7/27/22 were perused. Motion made by Jim to accept and seconded by Cheri. Minutes approved.

Leak at Proctor:

Jim tightened the faucet as tight as he could. It stopped leaking but will probably leak again as very old. He bought new faucet and will replace in next day or two.

Fallen stone piece in Proctor:

Top of a stone has fallen off; it is very heavy. Jim will take a look and figure out how to get it back onto the stone. Cheri took pics of it.

Delaney lots:

The Delaney lots need to be re-numbered. Dana will correct and re-issue the deed with correct numbers. (The lots were on top of Simpson lot)

Cleaning stones:

Cheri has written an article for the Beacon regarding two workshops cleaning stones at Philbrick Cemetery. They will be on Saturday, 9/17/22 and Wednesday, 9/28/22 from 9 am to noon. We might do another in October at Taunton Hill Cemetery. Lance Ford will show us how to do this with water and elbow grease. In the future we should prioritize the graveyards that we need to do work in..

Upton lots:

The Uptons died and were buried out west near their daughter. Their daughter wants to sell their lot in Proctor. The lot is in Section 7, way away from current lots and near the woods. We decided to have Dana check it out and see what the Uptons paid for the lot. Maybe we will buy the lot and then make it available at a later date (Dana is currently only selling lots in order, not spread out in the cemetery).

Keith Racine - Stone Repairs:

Keith started working on stones in Proctor on Tuesday. Cheri met with him. He will be working on all the cemeteries. He will call Pecco when ready to do the stones in that cemetery. Also, Cheri asked him what is the process for future work. He said for us to call him later in the fall and he'll come walk cemeteries with us to see what needs to be done. He'll let Cheri know when he'll be back.

Smaller Cemeteries:

Cheri suggested that in order for us to keep track of the smaller cemeteries, we split them up and each take a few and check them once a month thru the season to be sure they are being mowed/weed whacked; also, in case there are trees down. So, here is how we split them up:

Cheri has Boston Hill on Putney Rd., Philbrick, Rollins and Taunton Hill. Jim has Durgin, Hobbs-Swett and Old Center. Beth has Marston Hill (Pecco's), Old North Church, and Rowe (corner of Flaghole & Humphrey Rd).

Beth will ask Wood Sutton about the Fuller cemetery off Brick House Lane.

Posts & Signs:

Cheri & Dana got 6 posts and tops and paint. Cheri will paint them. We need sign holders and they found some online for \$49 each. We need 10 of them so about \$500. We all agreed we need them and authorized Cheri to order them. We have money in our budget under projects still.

Sexton:

Dana presented a sexton report of work he has done and will give us one periodically.

Elbow Pond Cemetery:

Jim would like to do something different there....remove the ugly fence. We need to think about this for a project next year.

Mowing for Next Year:

We need to get started on getting bids for next year. Beth will put an ad in the Beacon (which comes out in Sept):

The Andover Cemetery Trustees will be taking bids for the 2023 season for spring clean-up and mowing 5/1/23 thru 9/30/23 plus fall clean-up in October. For an information packet, call or text Jim Reed at 402-219-3466 or email Beth Frost at bfrost99@icloud.com.

Also, when we hire a person, they should present us with invoices that have specific information such as where, when etc.

Next meeting on 9/21/22 at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Frost, Sec'y