

## CEMETERY TRUSTEE MINUTES 4/21/21

Meeting opened at 10 AM by Bill Keyser. Members present: Bill Keyser, Jim Reed, Beth Frost and Cheryl Swenson, alternate.

The minutes from the last meeting, 3/17/21, were looked over. Jim made a motion to accept and Cherie seconded. All were in favor of accepting those minutes.

Bill reported that he recently met with the American Legion group regarding putting out flags in the cemeteries before Memorial Day. Five people are needed to help do this. Cheri said that she & Dana would like to be present to observe and take notes (and to help if needed). Bill said that Lloyd Perreault, who has been in charge of this, stated that this year is his last year doing this. He's turning the job over to the cemetery trustees. Cheri said she & Dana will gladly take it on. Lloyd had told Cheri that he has the disks with info given to him by Pat Cutter and also a disk with the Cryptkeeper's info. He has never used either. Dana will put all this information onto his computer as well as the Cryptkeeper information. His hope is to eventually have this info on the town's website.

Bill told us that Dana is doing a great job as sexton! Bill is very pleased. Dana was able to find the lot for Dorothy Green on the big map at the Town Office that Bill had not been able to find on his smaller copy of the map.

Dana did his first deed last Sunday when he & Bill sold a cremation lot to John & Nancy Schoeller. Cheri said that Dana has put the deed form on his computer also. It is the same form with the same information, but he dressed it up a bit so it looks nicer. She had a copy to show to us. We will still keep "hard" copies of deeds. Jim suggested to be sure we get all surnames connected to deeds.

Bill gave us his Wish List for the cemeteries:

- 1) Do we need a small storage shed at some point for equipment such as hand tools? He thinks it would be a help.
- 2) We have 17 small cemeteries; a few have white picket gates. He would like to see similar white gates installed at the others.
- 3) There are two old granite posts at the back of Lakeview Cemetery that we don't need. He would like to sell them.....suggested we ask the Selectmen if that is permissible.
- 4) Water supply at Lakeview: we need to do something here as no water.
- 5) Would like to see four more posts added to the fence around Lakeview at the end near Forsberg property. Bill will ask Mr Dukette who installed the fence for an estimate to do this..
- 6) Explore putting some sort of perennial flowers/plants along the outside of the fence at Lakeview and a couple Maple trees. It would give some color to the cemetery and also make mowing along there easier (so mower doesn't get too close and damage the posts). This was Jim Reed's idea.

Bill will be going to the monument company soon to pick up five sets of corner stones for: Schoeller lot, Smoky & Sherry Miller lot, Dorothy Green lot, Newcomb lot (Janet Corliss) and Jane Walker lot. Also, Frank Baker's lot needs cornerstones and Bill will contact the family.

Cheri asked if we could do something at Proctor cemetery to encase the faucets there. She said it would look better and also could have a water sign and some splash stones so it doesn't get muddy. Bill said it will have to be something that can be easily removed in case of plumbing problems. Dana will explore this and get estimates of cost. Also, Cheri would like to get a couple cheap watering cans to put there to replace the milk jugs. All agreed on that.

Another point that Cheri brought up is that some of the signs at the Proctor Cemetery are old and the letters are peeling. We discussed. Jim thinks we can peel off the lettering and scrape and paint the signs and get new lettering. Bill was in agreement. Jim will ask Proctor what they do for lettering as the signs appear to match other Proctor signs in town.

Cheri asked if we could set dates to tour the cemeteries soon and then a date to have Jonathan Champagne tour with some of us in regards to work that is usually done and what needs to be done. We set a date for Tuesday, April 27th and we will all meet at Lakeview Cemetery at 9 AM. Bill said we need to contact Allison Barry to let her know we need to go on her property to look at the cemetery there. Bill said he can never reach her by phone. Beth will try. Bill gave her Allison's phone number (and Beth will try to get a cell number for her too if needed). Cheri will call Jonathan and ask if he can tour with us on either April 29th or 30th. We'd like to get this done asap.

Cheri asked if she could do another article for the June Beacon about the law that says it's illegal to do stone rubbing in cemeteries. We all thought it was a good idea.

Cheri also said that Dana, in putting the maps online, thinks we should add sections to the Lakeview Cemetery. Currently there are Sections 1, 2 and 3. The new section all across the roadside is 3. Dana feels it would make sense to break that big section up and have it be Sections 3, 4 and 5. Beth and Jim agreed but Bill asked to table this until our next meeting.

Jim brought the metal detector to the meeting and gave to Cheri for Dana to use.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 26th.....a little longer span than usual because Cheri & Dana will be away until May 22nd.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Frost, Secretary