

CEMETERY TRUSTEE MEETING 3/17/21

Meeting opened at 10 AM with the following members present: Bill Keyser, Beth Frost, Cheri Swenson (Alternate), and Dana Swenson, Sexton. (Absent: Jim Reed)

The minutes from the last meeting on 2/22/21 were read. Bill made a motion to accept and Cheri seconded. All in favor.

Bill reported that the tree on the Farrell property on Taunton Hill which was in danger of falling onto the Taunton Hill Cemetery was taken down by Lee Tree, with permission of Martin Farrell. A good job was done and Bill submitted the invoice of \$1200 to the town to be paid from our funds.

Bill said he is going to hire someone to paint the rails at all the cemeteries. They really need to be done this spring.

Bill also noted that an ash tree on the further side of the cemetery behind the church in East Andover is in bad shape due to bores getting into it; he feels we should have it taken down. He will check with the Town to see if it would be their expense or ours.

We will have 6 (six) burials this spring: 1 full and 5 cremations. One cremation (P.Cutter) will be at the Proctor Cemetery, 4 (four) cremations (J Corliss, D Greene, F Baker, J Reed) at Lakeside and 1 (one) full (L Miller) at Lakeside.

Bill thinks we need a form to show where people are buried on cremation lots. It would show placement of urns. For example on a two-urn lot, there would be place #1 and place #2. The form would indicate which place the current urn was put. Bill drew a diagram on the white board to demonstrate. Dana made notes and said he will make up the form on his computer. A completed copy of this will be attached to each deed and put in the deed book.

Dana reported that he has been working, putting the cemetery lots on his computer. He started with Lakeview and brought print outs to show us. He plans to eventually put all this info onto Cryptkeeper. He has spoken with the owner of Cryptkeeper, who has been very helpful. These records have not been touched in several years. Dana plans to bring them up to date. He has also been putting the names on the cemetery maps. His goal is to put a link on the town site to get to the cemetery page; a person seeking information would go there and put in a name and the burial information would pop up. Cheri asked about Cryptkeeper....how it is paid. Bill said it is automatically renewed and paid out of our funds.

Bill reported that he had a call from someone looking for information on a man named General Jackson Ogle who died in 1850! The caller did not know what town the man had been buried in. Bill hasn't been able to find any info at all. Cherie will look for it too; Bill said it's not on Find a Grave..

Dana also suggested we have Rules & Guidelines regarding selling new lots. For example in Lakeview in the new part, begin by selling lots only in Blocks 8 thru 12, working north to south...making those lots the only ones available. As those blocks fill up, then open up a few more consecutive blocks. This is in lieu of letting folks pick a lot any place they want & having the graves scattered around. They would only have the option of purchasing one in the specified area. We all agreed; nothing put in writing or voted on yet.

Cheri had written up a short article about the cemeteries to put in the April Beacon and brought it to show the trustees for approval. It basically reminds folks about the cemetery rules. She thinks we should repeat this every year. All agreed. She will submit the article to the Beacon.

Cheri also brought up the subject of gravestone rubbing. Apparently it is something that folks are doing and it is against the law. Cheri would like to do an article about this in the future, telling that it is not allowed and how to get information without doing the rubbing.

We also discussed putting out flags for Memorial Day. Bill said that Lloyd Perreault of the legion organization is in charge of that. Bill usually helps place the flags. He also noted that if we, or others, see a broken flag, we should not remove it as it helps when new flags are put out in May to know where they need to be placed. Cheri will call Lloyd to tell him that she & Dana are willing to help place the flags in May.

We had a short discussion about corner stones....they must be purchased along with the lots. They are to be placed by the Sexton on the lots once purchased and are placed on the INSIDE corners of the lot. Buyers must pay with two checks as payment for the lot goes into our expendable cemetery trust fund that is available to us if needed; but the payment of the stones goes into our regular budget, as this is an in and out bill that we pay as we purchase them.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth E Frost, Sec'y