

Special Cemetery Trustee Meeting Minutes 7/12/22

Meeting opened at 4:30 PM on 7/12/22 with Bill Keyser, Jim Reed, Beth Frost and Cheri Swenson present.

First order of business: Bill has resigned his position as a cemetery trustee as of the end of this meeting. He submitted a letter of resignation to the Andover Selectmen. He turned cemetery keys over to Jim.

Bill then proceeded to go over items that he has taken care of or that need to be taken care of. They are as follows:

- 1) Bill has ordered corner stones for Lakeview: 6 for Jim Reed (Paid), 4 for Turk family (Paid) and 4 for Pettinato family (Paid)
- 2) The trustees need to purchase padlocks for the pump house at Lakeview and for the old, small storage building nearby where Bill & Dana (our sexton) have stored extra cornerstones, white posts w/caps, and our new cemetery sign.
- 3) Bill recently spoke to our stone repair man (Keith Racine). He will be doing repairs for us in the next two weeks: in the cemetery behind the Highland Lake Inn (Pecco has given permission to go across his property), one near Farrells, Lakeview, Proctor and behind the church. Bill suggests we also talk to Keith about repairing the 2 big stones that are tipping over behind the church. Anthony Barton cleaned the cemetery behind the Inn today.
- 4) Cemetery Flags: We will need to replace Proctor and Lakeview next year. They are 5x7 size. We usually buy them from Joe Garneau in Franklin (on Willow Hill).
- 5) Mowing: Anthony is doing a good job but we need to check on him
- 6) Bill gave some maps to Jim.

Jim asked if the mylar map in the town office is being kept up. Cheri said that it has; Dana has been doing it.

Next on Agenda:

Water Problem at Lakeview

Cheri has done some investigating and reported that there has been a water problem at this cemetery for over 25 years. Some years we have had to do without. It was suggested to her that we put a couple rain barrels there for the rest of this summer.

The points have worked for awhile but never seem to last; the ground there is boggy and muddy and the points get clogged and we have to get someone to repair & put in new filters and that gets expensive. We have already invested a lot and need to figure this problem out. It is not, however, an emergency. Someone suggested that we need to dig deeper & Bill spoke with our

road agent to see if he could dig for us with an excavator but the road agent said he does not have a big enough excavator for what we need.

At this point, we decided to give the rain barrel idea a shot. We could buy a 50 gallon barrel online for \$103; it comes with a spigot that comes out of the bottom. That way people don't have to lean over to scoop out water. We agreed that Beth will give Rene Lefebvre a call to see if the fire department would fill a barrel for us. If he says yes, we authorize Cheri to order 1 barrel to see how it works.

At our next regular meeting on Wednesday, July 20, Marg Roy is supposed to be on the agenda to go over the procurement policy with us. Bill gave a copy of it to Jim and Beth will send one to Cheri.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Frost, Secretary