

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
April 27, 2016
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Board members present: Betsy Perry, Maureen Cullinan, and Cemetery Supervisor Tim Fiske

Call to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Cullinan reminded Fiske that he still needs to talk to Jay Hadley about the lots in East Cemetery. Fiske said he would connect with Hadley.
2. Minutes: Motion by Perry to approve the minutes of 11/3/15 as written, second by Cullinan, and so voted.
3. Election of Officers: After brief discussion it was suggested Perry act as Chairman and also take the minutes. Cullinan will act as a support person. All were in agreement.
4. Contact information: A sheet listing names, phone numbers and email addresses was passed around so members could provide this information. The updated sheet will be emailed to all members.
5. Paperwork: Information on a June seminar for Cemetery Trustees sponsored by the State was discussed. Perry volunteered to attend and collect new handbooks and information.
6. Restoration Project: Cullinan said Kai Nalenz of Gravestone Services will start the project sometime in May. He will be working in Wives and Mothers (Village Cemetery) and then part of East Cemetery. Cullinan said WMUR would like to film some of the work, and she will also contact the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript to see if they would be interested in reporting on the project. Cullinan will provide Fiske's contact information to Nalenz so they can connect, and Fiske will plan to do maintenance work around the stone repair schedule. Cullinan asked if there are maps showing gravesites for East Cemetery, and Fiske said he did not know of any. Reminder that 2015 burials may need to be updated in office spreadsheets, and Fiske said he usually provides the Town Clerk with a list; Perry will check on this. Cullinan said she will look into pursuing grants for next year. She suggested in the future perhaps the town could set up a fund for keeping up with gravestone repairs. She noted Nalenz will do an annual maintenance review. Fiske agreed and said funds could be added to the budget. He said the stones in Miller Cemetery are in better condition, and the stones in North Cemetery would need to be looked at. Cullinan said a resident had inquired if the trustees would consider using prison help for some of the work, and she had replied this type of project would not be appropriate for that.
7. Cemetery Maintenance: Fiske reported the cemeteries have been all cleaned up. He said the winter damage had not been too bad this past year. He reported one springtime burial has been done, and another is expected in about two weeks. Fiske said he would like to make a hole in one of the stonewalls to allow a walking path. He described the layout of the town road, cemetery road, and the proposed path. This would allow people access to the ballfield area from Memorial Drive without having to walk in the roadway. All were in agreement that this seemed reasonable.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Perry