

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Meeting- January 13, 2009

Present: Jill Young  
Bernetta Mackenzie

Jill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting were read and accepted as written.

Jill reported that the High Banks project on Bible Hill Road has progressed to the point that Mr. Schnare has asked for his bond money back. The Road Agent has looked at the cemetery wall and given his approval. As the bond was for the time of construction and the work near the cemetery wall has been completed, the Trustees agreed that the bond money should be returned. It was noted that if more work were to be scheduled near the wall, a new bond would be required.

Jill presented three proposals that have been received for the maintenance of the cemeteries. Mr. Gagnon submitted a proposal for \$5,200 that was not itemized. Sunny Days submitted a proposal for \$4,350, which was not itemized. Dubs Shrubs submitted a proposal for \$6,480 that was itemized and included 18 times of mowing and trimming of the two cemeteries. It was felt that the Trustees have been happy with the work that Mr. Gagnon has done in the past and the contract will be given to him for the 2009 season.

It was noted that the trees in Sunnyside Cemetery are in need of attention. It is possible that Roblee Tree Service in Antrim may be hired to take care of removal and clean up of the problem trees. Jill will check to see if the excess revenue from 2008 may be used for this.

The Trustees reviewed an advertising bill for \$91.50. This was a bill for advertising for the cemetery maintenance bids.

Jill has e-mailed James O'Mara concerning the scheduling of the prisoners for work in the cemeteries. Jill has not heard back from Mr. O'Mara at this time.

A courtesy copy of the town resident death report for 2008 was received.

Jill noted that a lady who wanted information about a family lot has contacted her. Jill reminded the Trustees that proof of identification is needed. The Trustees can not give permission to use a lot without proof of ID. It is important that a list be written on the back of the cemetery deed stating who may use the lot. It was also noted that there needs to be a town connection to purchase a lot as there are just a few lots left at this time.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher, Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary