

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Meeting- June 8, 2010

Present        Jill Young  
                  Thomas Belcher  
                  Shelagh Clough

Jill Young called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The minutes of the May 11, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Jill reported that she has not heard back from Roberts and Sons Funeral Home. She also reported that the Perry lot has been cleaned up.

Thom has agreed to maintain the Cemetery Trustee's book of minutes. Shelagh has agreed to keep track of the budget and expenses for the Cemetery Trustees.

It was noted that Jeremy Gagnon did not give the Cemetery Trustees a bill. The Administrator contacted Mr. Gagnon for an invoice so that he may be paid. A copy of the invoice will be placed in the file.

Jill Young has spoken with the Administrator about the sale of cemetery lots. A formal request will be made noting the RSA which stipulates that the Cemetery Trustees be in control of the sale of cemetery lots. The Trustees will sign future cemetery deeds. It was noted that Bethany and Jim Craig would like to purchase lot 167 for their twins. Jill has been working on a form to be filled out by the purchaser of a lot to list the individuals allowed to be buried in the lot. A copy of this will be kept with the copies of deeds.

The Trustees voted on stipulating that corner markers be placed on a lot within three months of purchase of the lot. A stone marker will be required within one year of burial. All were in favor.

The Cemetery Trustees will plan to attend the next Trustees of the Trust Fund's meeting as they have not been successful at having a Trustee attend the Cemetery meetings. The Trustee of the Trust Fund meeting is held the second Thursday of the month at the library.

A request for the sale of a lot has been made by Randal Lamb, the nephew of Fred Swett. Mr. Lamb has not been a resident of Bennington and currently lives in Arizona. A vote was taken as to whether the lot would be sold. All were in favor that Mr. Lamb does not have a significant tie to Bennington and the request should be denied. Mr. Swett will be notified and invited to the next Cemetery Trustee meeting.

Road Agent Gary Russell has spoken to Jill Young about the possibility of sharing the cost of a boom truck that could be used to remove trees in the cemetery. If it is allowed, the Road Crew would cut the trees. The Cemetery Trustees noted that half of any wood should go to the wood bank and half to the Road Crew for the purpose of heating the Town Barn.

Jill Young received a call from Kristie LaPlante inquiring about the price for opening up a grave site for the Edmond Baker Funeral Home. Jill will call and explain that the Trustees are not responsible for the opening of a grave. She will offer the name and number of Mr. Carson who normally does the work in the cemetery.

A short discussion was held about the accidental opening of a wrong grave site. As the corner markers that were present had the same initials on them, an error was made. The error was billed at \$500.00 which the Cemetery Trustees authorized the payment of. It was suggested that the corner markers be required to have a lot number or initial on them.

Mr. Kaufold has shown Jill how to measure lots. It was suggested that the Trustees purchase a measuring wheel for this purpose.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary