

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- November 13, 2007**

Present: Jill Young
Thomas Belcher
Barry White

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

The minutes of the October 16, 2007 meeting were reviewed and accepted as read.

Thom noted that he had been away on business and had not done the inventory on the shed at the cemetery at this point. He will have the inventory done as soon as he can. Jill noted that she has purchased rakes for the town and they are currently in the Town Barn. Jill also noted that if Thom finds that a section of the old cemetery fence is in the shed, it needs to remain there. There was a question as to whether the section of fence should be kept or given to the Historical Society.

Jill stated that she has met with the Principal of the elementary school and will be sending a letter home with the children concerning playing in the cemetery after the first snow storm.

It was noted that the cremains of Verna Paige were buried with her father. The paperwork for this burial was sent after the burial took place. It was also noted that at the time when the hole had been dug, it was not covered. Jill made sure that this was done.

Barry asked if there was interest in mapping the cemetery as an Eagle Scout project. Thom stated that the troop has not gotten back to him about this project and that the troop normally selects projects that involve the entire troop. Thom will look into this further as a possible service project.

Jill noted that she received a letter from Superintendent James Omara from the Department of Correction. The prisoners will be working in Town from May 19, 2008 to May 23, 2008. They are not allowed to use power equipment. Suggestions for work to be done were to fix the cemetery fence and to paint the shed. The prisoners are not allowed to use power equipment they would need to use a wire brush on the fence. It was suggested that the trustees get quotes to sandblast the fence. The prisoners shall also be available on the first week of November.

It was noted that a follow-up was done on the Seneschal issue. Susan Seneschal/ Mooney was invited to the cemetery meeting but did not attend. It was noted that Mr. Seneschal's grave has corner stones but a permanent marker has not been placed at this time.

The Liljeberg family would like a family area in the cemetery. The family would like to place a stone on the plot for Mr. Liljeberg though he is not buried there. This is not a problem though it will be noted that there is no body buried there.

The cemeteries are now closed for the winter. There will be no more burials until spring.

The new cemetery regulations should be done for the new year. The Trustees will work on these at the December 11, 2007 meeting. Thom will extend an invitation to the Boy Scout Troop for the January meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Recording Secretary