

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- October 4, 2016
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Present Karen Bartlett, Chairman
 Joshua Segal
 Melissa Clark

Guest Jeffrey Rose, Selectman

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

The Trustees agreed to change the meeting time to 6:45 p.m.

The Trustees reviewed the budget. It was noted that some of the line items have changed. The Trustees would like to see more consistency with how items are posted to the line items. It was noted that there appeared to be no billing for the repair on the Evergreen cemetery road. Karen will check on this. There was also a posting for paint, a tarp and flags that the Trustees are unsure about. Karen will ask about clarification on these. The Trustees agreed to increase the line item for tree maintenance as it is predicted to be a bad winter for tree damage. It was noted that the cost to repair markers is between \$200 and \$300 per marker. Sunnyside Cemetery currently has around 15 markers to repair. The line item for stone maintenance will be increased from \$2000 to \$4000.

The Trustees discussed the needed tree work in Sunnyside Cemetery. It was noted that both the administrator and the Selectmen were notified about the tree problem on June 15, 2016. On September 24, 2016 Karen asked Selectman Cleary to attend a Cemetery Trustee meeting. Karen was told that Selectman Cleary was meeting that day with Robblee to do a quote. At this time Karen has not heard back from the Selectmen about the quote. As Selectman Rose was in attendance, he will bring the Trustees' concerns to the Selectmen's attention. He also suggested that the Cemetery Trustees obtain quotes for the tree work. It was also noted that the Trustees have seen no mention of the letter that they wrote to the Selectmen in their minutes. The Trustees would like to know if the letter has been received.

In other business, Joshua asked if he could contact both Kaufold and Knowlands to get quotes for how many markers could be repaired for the \$2000 that is in the repair line item. It was suggested that Joshua wait until the Trustees are able to resolve the tree problem and if there are funds left, they may be allocated to stone repair.

The Trustees discussed the possibility of a warrant article for the work on the Sunnyside Cemetery fence. The quote to do the Bible Hill Road side of the fence is around \$7000. The Trustees have access to \$8000 in a Trust Fund but there is a possibility of doing the entire project by using both the Trust Fund money and a warrant article. When the Cemetery Trustees write their article for the Town Report they will highlight the fence project.

Karen made a motion to use up to \$2,000 out of the New Hampshire Charitable Trust Fund for stone work in Sunnyside Cemetery. Joshua will contact both Mr. Kaufold and Mr. Knowlands for quotes as to how many stones can be completed for that amount.

The Trustees will be meeting on November 1, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. The Trustees have changed their meeting time to begin at 6:45 p.m.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary