

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES
Minutes of the Meeting- September 12, 2017
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Present Karen Belcher, Chairman
 Joshua Segal
 Melissa Clark

Chairman Belcher called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

The minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Joshua noted that the repair work in Sunnyside Cemetery has been completed and the work was approved. The bill was approved and signed for payment.

The Trustees reviewed a bill for the seasonal balance for grounds keeping at the cemeteries. The bill was reviewed and signed for payment.

Joshua noted that he found a stone at Sunnyside Cemetery that was loose. The stone was one that had been previously repaired. The stone has been fixed at no cost to the Town.

The Trustees have not gotten a response from the Road Agent pertaining to the removal of fencing at Sunnyside Cemetery. The Trustees will follow up on this.

Melissa noted that she has spoken to the individual who will look at the trees in the cemeteries to note potential problems. The trees have not been checked yet, but will be done soon. There will be no cost for the Town for reviewing the condition of the trees.

Joshua noted that he has a list of stone work that is needed in both cemeteries. The list includes tipped bases and stones that are leaning. Joshua proposed that he ask for quotes from Peterborough Marble and Granite, and Gravestone Services of New England. Melissa proposed that the Trustees get quotes for what can be done for \$1,500. All were in agreement and Joshua will get the quotes.

In other business, it has been brought to the Trustees' attention that an individual is planning to bury their father and do the digging themselves. This individual has stated that they dug the hole themselves for their mother. The Trustees were not aware of this. It was noted that this is the second "self burial" that has been reported this year. Lot 112 now has a stone placed on it and the trustees have received a death certificate for that individual. As the Trustees only allow Steve

Carson to do the digging in the cemeteries it is becoming somewhat of an issue. Karen will find out why the only option for digging is to hire Mr. Carson.

It was noted that the Trustees have not received any feedback from the Selectmen about the possible fee change for the purchase of cemetery lots. Karen will follow up about this. It was noted that two more lots were sold in Evergreen Cemetery.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary