

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Minutes of the Meeting- October 9, 2018

Minutes accepted on November 13, 2018

Present Karen Belcher, Chairman
 Joshua Segal

Chairman Belcher called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

The minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Chairman Belcher made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Joshua Segal seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Selectman Cleary has let the Trustees know that he has looked at the trees in the cemeteries and that they are fine for this year. Chairman Belcher noted that there are now some large tree limbs down in Sunnyside Cemetery. The Trustees have been in contact with the Highway Department about the tree work in Evergreen Cemetery.

Peterborough Marble and Granite has installed the corner stones for the Delay lot and moved the veterans' stone to the location Mrs. Delay wanted.

Chairman Belcher gave an update on the request for information on lots and available spaces in said lots. Per the Town Attorney, this information is public knowledge and may be given to anyone who asks. Chairman Belcher has called the requester. The requester informed Chairman Belcher that he was left information on the lots. He is concerned about there being enough room in the lots for his sister who is ill. It was indicated that the family might want to disinter one of the family members to be moved to be placed with their spouse.

The Board viewed the one bid that they received for mowing and cemetery maintenance. As the quote has increased significantly, the Selectmen were invited to attend the Cemetery Trustee meeting. The Selectmen were not able to attend the meeting. It was noted that the fall clean-up is a large expense included in the bid. Suggestions were made to decrease the possible expense. The subject was tabled as the Trustees will need to meet with the Selectmen on this matter.

In other business, the Trustees discussed the possibility of organizing the cemetery records so that access to each lot would be simplified. Chairman Belcher made a motion to purchase a locking file cabinet and the needed supplies to organize the cemetery lot information. Joshua Segal seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chairman Belcher made a motion to purchase stone cleaning supplies for the Cemetery Trustees. Joshua Segal seconded the motion and all were in favor. Joshua Segal will put together a supply order for the possibility of 5 people to clean stones. The Trustees will be learning the correct way to clean the stones and will plan work sessions to complete the work. Joshua Segal presented a list of repairs that need to be addressed in Sunnyside Cemetery. In Row C, Lot 117 steps need to be fixed and stonework need to be stabilized. The stone located at Row G, Lot 27 needs to be mounted on a slab to bring the marker above grade level. Chairman Belcher made a motion to authorize Joshua Segal to obtain bids for the stonework. Joshua Segal seconded the motion and all were in favor.

As there was no other business at hand, Chairman Belcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joshua Segal seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary