

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
Minutes of the Meeting- November 13, 2018  
Minutes approved on December 11, 2018

Present        Karen Belcher, Chairman  
                  Joshua Segal

Chairman Belcher called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

The minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Joshua Segal made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Chairman Belcher seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chairman Belcher noted that she has reviewed the information about stone cleaning supplies, but has not ordered them yet. Chairman Belcher made a motion to order 5 sets of stone cleaning supplies for the Cemetery Trustees. Joshua Segal seconded the motion and all were in favor. The order will be placed and charged to the stone maintenance line.

Joshua Segal presented bids for stonework needed in Sunnyside Cemetery. Joshua received 2 quotes, one of which was verbal. The job was awarded to Peterborough Marble and Granite with the understanding that the work will be done as weather permits.

Evergreen Cemetery has had 2 burials. While walking the lots, it was noted that there are some large tree limbs coming down in Evergreen Cemetery. One of the large trees losing limbs is located by the French lot.

Chairman Belcher noted that she has begun organizing the cemetery records in the new filing cabinet.

The Cemetery Trustees met with the Selectmen to discuss trees in the cemetery and the mowing contract. It was suggested that one of the large trees can be cabled to prevent damage. Quotes will be obtained for a bucket truck to clean up limbs throughout Evergreen Cemetery. Kristie LaPlante will view the trees and co-ordinate viewings for the bids. It is possible that the Town Highway could take care of the disposal of the wood. There are currently 4 trees that are marked as possible work that is needed.

The Cemetery Trustees discussed the mowing and cemetery clean-up with the Selectmen. Only one bid for the mowing was received and it was much higher than anticipated. Options for the maintenance of the cemeteries were discussed. This might become a part time summer job for a Town employee. Other options are to put the job out to bid again without fall and spring clean-

up. The clean-up jobs might be able to be done by volunteers such as the scouts or middle school students looking for community service. Upon discussion, the Trustees and Selectmen agreed to proceed with the Town mowing of the cemeteries. A new mower and weed trimmer will need to be purchased.

As there was no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Debra Belcher  
Cemetery Trustee Recording Secretary