

Enfield Cemetery Trustees  
Special Meeting  
April 18, 2017

Present : Gordon Clough, Fred Williamson

Absent : Don Crate

Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and set out the agenda previously developed by Don and Gordon.

*Item #1* : To elect a chairman for the upcoming sessions. Don ( in absentia ) nominated Gordon Clough for the position. Fred seconded the nomination. A vote was held and Gordon was elected Chairman. Fred then offered to keep the minutes for this and upcoming meetings. Gordon indicated that minutes had to be emailed to Alisa Bonnette. Gordon accepted Fred's offer and indicated that today's minutes were especially important. Fred agreed to a quick turnaround.

*Item #2* : The reason for the special meeting was to discuss and vote on an appropriation for an excavator, to be purchased jointly by the Enfield Highway Department and the Cemetery Trustees. Voters had a recently approved their portion of the purchase on behalf of the town and the matter was on hold pending a decision from the Cemetery Trustees.

Gordon explained that cemetery work had up to this point been accomplished by using a backhoe. However, most remaining work was located on difficult terrain where a backhoe was too large to gain access. There was also the normal spring backlog of graves to be dug and such a purchase would greatly facilitate the task. Gordon also indicated that owning the equipment offered more operational flexibility than leasing or renting as needed. The equipment would also be maintained by the Highway Department. Don ( in absentia ) recommended the purchase , Gordon seconded. **By a vote of 2 to 0 the Cemetery Trustees approved an appropriation to fund 50% of the purchase of an Excavator.**

*Item #3*: Gordon indicated that a lady was asking that she be allowed to be buried in an old cemetery in Piermont instead of Enfield. Some members of her family were interred there. Gordon saw no reason to object and made a motion that her request be granted. Fred seconded. The motion was then passed.

*Item #4*: Gordon formally welcomed Fred Williamson to his new position as Enfield Cemetery Trustee. He also provided some of Richard Henderson's files for some background reading.

Gordon then made a motion to adjourn, which Fred seconded. The meeting ended at 6:45 PM.